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**Repatriation Medical Authority** 

## NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION

## Section 196G of the

## Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986

The Repatriation Medical Authority (the Authority) gives notice under section 196G of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the VEA) that it intends to carry out investigations under subsection 196B(7) of the VEA to review the contents of Statements of Principles concerning the following:

Condition:	Instrument Nos.:
malignant neoplasm of the nasopharynx	25 & 26 of 2011
irritable bowel syndrome	27 & 28 of 2011
acoustic neuroma	29 & 30 of 2011, as amended
subdural haematoma	33 & 34 of 2011
retinal vascular occlusive disease	83 & 84 of 2011
acute pancreatitis	85 & 86 of 2011
extrinsic allergic alveolitis	87 & 88 of 2011
diabetes mellitus	89 & 90 of 2011, as amended
sprain and strain	94 & 95 of 2011
malignant neoplasm of the bladder	96 & 97 of 2011
malignant neoplasm of the renal pelvis and ureter	98 & 99 of 2011
multiple sclerosis	100 & 101 of 2011, as amended
renal artery atherosclerotic disease	102 & 103 of 2011, as amended
chronic pancreatitis	104 & 105 of 2011, as amended
malignant neoplasm of bone and articular cartilage	106 & 107 of 2011
photocontact dermatitis	108 & 109 of 2011
irritant contact dermatitis	110 & 111 of 2011
allergic contact dermatitis	112 & 113 of 2011
patellar tendinopathy	114 & 115 of 2011
spinal adhesive arachnoiditis	116 & 117 of 2011
anosmia	118 & 119 of 2011

The Authority invites the following persons and organisations to make written submissions to the Authority in respect of any of the investigations:

- a person eligible to make a claim for pension under Part II or Part IV of the VEA;
- a person eligible to make a claim for compensation under section 319 of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* (the MRCA);
- an organisation representing veterans, Australian mariners, members of the Forces, members of the Peacekeeping Forces, members within the meaning of the MRCA, or their dependants;
- the Repatriation Commission or the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission; and
- a person having expertise in a field relevant to the investigation.

The Authority will hold its first meeting for the purposes of each of these investigations on 9 April 2019.

Under the VEA, the Authority is required to find out whether there is new information available about how the above listed conditions may be suffered or contracted, or death from the above listed conditions may occur; and the extent to which the above listed conditions or death from the above listed conditions may be warcaused, defence-caused, a service injury, a service disease or a service death.

Persons and organisations wishing to make a submission can use the RMA website <u>http://www.rma.gov.au/investigations/</u> to electronically lodge the submission and supporting information. Alternatively, submissions can be sent by email to <u>info@rma.gov.au</u> or posted to the address below. The *RMA Submission Guidelines* are available online for guidance. The RMA Secretariat may be contacted at the address, telephone number or email address below for further assistance.

All submissions must be in writing and received by the Authority no later than 28 March 2019.

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The Common Seal of the Repatriation Medical Authority was affixed at the direction of:

PROFESSOR NICHOLAS SAUNDERS AO CHAIRPERSON 26 / 10 / 2018