



**Australian Government**  
**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:

<b>Condition:</b>	<b>Instrument Nos.:</b>
psoriasis	31 of 2012, as amended, & 32 of 2012
tinnitus	33 & 34 of 2012, as amended
otitic barotrauma	35 & 36 of 2012
carotid arterial disease	37 & 38 of 2012, as amended
malignant neoplasm of the cervix	39 & 40 of 2012
endometriosis	41 & 42 of 2012
porphyria cutanea tarda	43 & 44 of 2012
pes planus	45 & 46 of 2012
physical injury due to munitions discharge	48 & 49 of 2012
aplastic anaemia	50 & 51 of 2012
mesangial IgA glomerulonephritis	52 & 53 of 2012
deep vein thrombosis	54 & 55 of 2012
pulmonary thromboembolism	56 & 57 of 2012
otitis externa	58 & 59 of 2012
asthma	60 & 61 of 2012

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 in **February 2020**.

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 war-caused, 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 <http://www.rma.gov.au/investigations/> to electronically lodge the submission and supporting information. Alternatively, submissions can be sent by email to [info@rma.gov.au](mailto:info@rma.gov.au) 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 **24 January 2020**.

The Common Seal of the  
Repatriation Medical Authority  
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PROFESSOR NICHOLAS SAUNDERS AO  
CHAIRPERSON 18 / 10 / 2019