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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.:
myeloma	69 & 70 of 2012, as amended
giant cell arteritis	71 & 72 of 2012
solar keratosis	73 & 74 of 2012
acute lymphoblastic leukaemia	75 & 76 of 2012, as amended
malignant neoplasm of the oral cavity, oropharynx &	1 & 2 of 2013
hypopharynx	
ankylosing spondylitis	3 & 4 of 2013
inguinal hernia	5 & 6 of 2013
carpal tunnel syndrome	7 & 8 of 2013
adenocarcinoma of the kidney	9 & 10 of 2013, as amended
polycythaemia vera	11 & 12 of 2013
seborrhoeic dermatitis	13 & 14 of 2013
essential thrombocythaemia	15 & 16 of 2013
primary myelofibrosis	17 & 18 of 2013

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 6 October 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 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.

Repatriation Medical Authority GPO Box 1014, Brisbane, Qld 4001 Telephone: (07) 3815 9404 Email: info@rma.gov.au All submissions must be in writing and received by the Authority no later than 18 September 2020.

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

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PROFESSOR NICHOLAS SAUNDERS AO CHAIRPERSON 20 / 4 / 2020