DECLARATION UNDER SUBSECTION 196B(6)
OF THE VETERANS’ ENTITLEMENTS ACT 1986

The Repatriation Medical Authority (the Authority), under subsection 196B(6) of the Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986 (the Act), makes the following declaration in respect of the investigation concerning xerostomia notified in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette of 13 March 2018.

The Authority is of the view that xerostomia is a sign or symptom of other diseases or exposures, rather than a disease in its own right. The Authority declares that it does not propose to make a Statement of Principles concerning xerostomia, for the purposes of subsection 196B(2) or (3) of the Act, for the reason that the Authority formed the view that xerostomia is not a "disease" as defined in section 5D of the Act.

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

PROFESSOR NICHOLAS SAUNDERS AO
CHAIRPERSON 26 / 10 / 2018