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Repatriation Medical Authority

DECLARATION UNDER SUBSECTION 196B(9)

OF THE VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS ACT 1986

CONCERNING HORSESHOE KIDNEY

FEBRUARY 2024

The Repatriation Medical Authority (the Authority), under subsection 196B(9) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act), makes the following declaration in respect of the investigation concerning **horseshoe kidney** notified in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette of 10 May 2022.

The Authority declares that it does not propose to make a Statement of Principles concerning horseshoe kidney, for the purposes of subsection 196B(2) or (3) of the Act. The reason is that the Authority is of the view that the sound medical and scientific evidence is insufficient to enable the Authority to determine factors for horseshoe kidney which might be related to service. The sound medical and scientific evidence is therefore insufficient in order to determine Statements of Principles for horseshoe kidney either on the basis of reasonable hypothesis or balance of probability.

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

PROFESSOR TERENCE CAMPBELL AM CHAIRPERSON 22 February 2024