SMSE definition

SMSE is defined in section 5AB(2) of the VEA, thus:

"Information about a particular kind of injury, disease or death is taken to be sound medical-scientific evidence if:

(a) the information:
   (i) is consistent with material relating to medical science that has been published in a medical or scientific publication and has been, in the opinion of the Repatriation Medical Authority, subjected to a peer review process; or
   (ii) in accordance with generally accepted medical practice, would serve as the basis for the diagnosis and management of a medical condition; and

(B) in the case of information about how that kind of injury, disease or death may be caused - meets the applicable criteria for assessing causation currently applied in the field of epidemiology."