



Australian Government
Repatriation Medical Authority

**DECLARATION UNDER SUBSECTION 196B(9)
OF THE VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS ACT 1986**

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 review of the contents of the Statements of Principles in force under the Act concerning **neoplasm of the pituitary gland**, Instruments Nos. 42 and 43 of 2004.

The investigation related to "bilateral adrenalectomy". The Notice of Investigation was published in the Government Notices Gazette of 12 May 2010.

The Authority declares that while it proposes to amend Statement of Principles, Instrument No. 43 of 2004, it does not propose to amend Statement of Principles, Instrument No. 42 of 2004.

Instrument No. 42 of 2004 was amended by Amendment Instrument No. 46 of 2010 in accordance with a direction of the Specialist Medical Review Council (SMRC). The SMRC Declaration No. 13, dated 25 February 2010, directed the Authority to:-

- (a) excise the factor related to "bilateral adrenalectomy" and the clinical onset of neoplasm of the pituitary gland; and
- (b) amend the factor related to "bilateral adrenalectomy" and the clinical worsening of the disease to remove a ten year time limit in the factor.

The SMRC also suggested that similar amendments to Statement of Principles, Instrument No. 43 of 2004, be considered by the Authority.

The new sound medical-scientific evidence supports the conclusion that it is more probable than not that the clinical worsening of **neoplasm of the pituitary gland** can be related to "bilateral adrenalectomy".

Accordingly, the new sound medical-scientific evidence does not support any further amendment to the existing factor in the Statement of Principles, Instrument No. 42 of 2004 (as amended by Instrument No. 46 of 2010) and supports the rewording of the "bilateral adrenalectomy" factor in Statement of Principles, Instrument No. 43 of 2004 to duplicate the amendment to Instrument No. 42 of 2004 effected by Instrument No. 46 of 2010.

The Common Seal of the
Repatriation Medical Authority
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CHAIRPERSON 21/10/2011