



## Specialist Medical Review Council

### Declaration

*Section 196W*

*Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*

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**Re: Statements of Principles Nos. 69 and 70 of 2012  
in respect of Myeloma**

Request for Review Declaration No. 23

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1. In relation to the Repatriation Medical Authority (the RMA) Statement of Principles No. 70 of 2012 concerning myeloma and death from myeloma, made under subsection 196B (3) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the VEA), the Specialist Medical Review Council (the Council) under subsection 196W of the VEA:

DECLARES that the sound medical-scientific evidence available to the RMA is insufficient to justify an amendment to Statement of Principles No. 70 of 2012 to include a factor or factors in the same or similar terms to existing factors 6(c) and 6(d) in Statement of Principles No. 69 of 2012.

2. In relation to the RMA Statements of Principles Nos. 69 and 70 of 2012 concerning myeloma and death from myeloma, made under subsections 196B (2) and 196B (3) of the VEA, the Council under subsection 196W of the VEA:

DECLARES that there is sound medical-scientific evidence on which the RMA could have relied to amend both the Statements of Principles to include the factor set out below; and

DIRECTS the RMA to amend both Statements of Principles Nos. 69 and 70 of 2012 by including the following factor:

Having exposure to 2,3,7,8 tetrachlorodibenzo-para-dioxin (TCDD) sufficient to produce an expected initial serum TCDD level of at least 1500 parts per trillion before the clinical onset of myeloma.

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Dated this **TWELFTH** day of **MAY** 2014

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