

NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION

Section 196G of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*

The Repatriation Medical Authority gives notice under section 196G of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act) that it intends to carry out an investigation in respect of **the causes of cervical spondylosis, lumbar spondylosis and thoracic spondylosis**, following requests for investigation under section 196E(1)(f) of the Act.

This investigation will be carried out in the context of Statements of Principles concerning the following:

- cervical spondylosis (Instrument No.161 of 1996 and Instrument No.162 of 1996);
- lumbar spondylosis (Instrument No.165 of 1996 and Instrument No.166 of 1996);
- thoracic spondylosis (Instrument No.163 of 1996 and Instrument No.164 of 1996).

The Authority invites the following persons and organisations to make written submissions to the Authority in respect of the investigation:

- any person eligible to make a claim for pension under Part II or Part IV of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*;
- any organisation representing veterans, Australian mariners, members of the Forces, members of the Peacekeeping Forces or their dependants;
- the Repatriation Commission; and
- any person having expertise in a field relevant to the investigation.

The Repatriation Medical Authority will hold its first meeting for the purposes of the investigation on **27 January 1998**.

Under the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, the RMA is required to find out whether there is a new body of sound medical-scientific evidence about the causes of cervical spondylosis, lumbar spondylosis and thoracic spondylosis. Therefore, persons and organisations wishing to make a submission should obtain from the RMA Secretariat (at the address and phone number below) a copy of the *RMA Submission Guidelines*.

All submissions must be in writing and received by the Authority at the address below no later than **5 December 1997**.

The Common Seal of the)
Repatriation Medical Authority)
was affixed in the presence of)

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