

## 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 **cryptogenic (idiopathic) fibrosing alveolitis, particularly in relation to the exposure to a damaging substance**, following a request for investigation under section 196E(1)(d) of the Act.

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 **17 December 1997**.

Under the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, the RMA is required to find out whether there is any sound medical-scientific evidence about cryptogenic (idiopathic) fibrosing alveolitis, particularly in relation to the exposure to a damaging substance. 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 **31 October 1997**.

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

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KEN DONALD  
CHAIRMAN

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