

# 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 following: **chloracne, Hodgkin's disease, malignant neoplasm of the lung, porphyria cutanea tarda and soft tissue sarcoma, particularly in relation to exposure to herbicides used in Vietnam, namely 2,4-D, 2,4,5-T, cacodylic acid or picloram**, following a request for review under section 196E(1)(f) of the Act:

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

- chloracne (Instrument Nos.69 and 70 of 1994, as amended by Instrument Nos.279 and 280 of 1995);
- Hodgkin's disease (Instrument Nos.77 and 78 of 1994);
- malignant neoplasm of the lung (Instrument Nos.29 and 30 of 1996, as amended by Instrument Nos.149 and 150 of 1996);
- porphyria cutanea tarda (Instrument Nos.71 and 72 of 1994).
- soft tissue sarcoma (Instrument Nos.49 and 50 of 1998);

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 this investigation on **2 November 1999**.

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 chloracne, Hodgkin's disease, malignant neoplasm of the lung, porphyria cutanea tarda or soft tissue sarcoma, particularly in relation to exposure to herbicides used in Vietnam, namely 2,4-D, 2,4,5-T, cacodylic acid or picloram. 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 **18 October 1999.**

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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