

## NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION

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

The Repatriation Medical Authority (the Authority) gives notice under section 196G of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act) that it intends to carry out an investigation under section 196B(7) of the Act to review the contents of Statements of Principles concerning **peripheral neuropathy** (Instrument Nos.79 and 80 of 2001, amended by Instrument Nos.13 and 14 of 2003).

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 Authority will hold its first meeting for the purposes of this investigation on **27 October 2003**.

Under the Act, the Authority is required to find out whether there is new information available about how **peripheral neuropathy** may be contracted or death from **peripheral neuropathy** may occur; and the extent to which **peripheral neuropathy** or death from **peripheral neuropathy** may be war-caused or defence-caused. Persons and organisations wishing to make a submission should obtain from the Repatriation Medical Authority Secretariat (at the address and phone number below) a copy of the *Repatriation Medical Authority Submission Guidelines*.

All submissions must be in writing and received by the Authority at the address below no later than **13 October 2003**.

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

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KEN DONALD  
CHAIRMAN

12/8/2003

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