

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 **lumbar spondylosis** (Instrument Nos. 46 and 47 of 2002, as amended by Instrument Nos. 77 and 78 of 2002).

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 April 2004**.

Under the Act, the Authority is required to find out whether there is new information available about how lumbar spondylosis may be contracted or death from lumbar spondylosis may occur; and the extent to which lumbar spondylosis or death from lumbar spondylosis 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 **9 April 2004**.

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

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CHAIRMAN

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