

## 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 VEA’] that it intends to carry out an investigation under section 196B(7) of the VEA to review the contents of Statements of Principles concerning **herpes zoster** (Instrument Nos. 60 and 61 of 1994).

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

- a person eligible to make a claim for pension under Part II or Part IV of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*;
- a person eligible to make a claim for compensation under section 319 of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* [‘the MRCA’];
- an organisation representing veterans, Australian mariners, members of the Forces, members of the Peacekeeping Forces, members within the meaning of the MRCA, or their dependants;
- the Repatriation Commission or the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission; and
- a person having expertise in a field relevant to the investigation.

The Authority will hold its first meeting for the purposes of this investigation on **5 December 2005**.

Under the VEA, the Authority is required to find out whether there is new information available about how herpes zoster may be suffered or contracted, or death from herpes zoster may occur; and the extent to which herpes zoster or death from herpes zoster may be war-caused, defence-caused, a service injury, a service disease or a service death. 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 **25 November 2005**.

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

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CHAIRPERSON

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