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 pursuant to ss.196B(4) of the VEA to find out whether a Statement of Principles may be determined in respect of **eating disorders.**

It should be noted that this notice of investigation expands the scope of the previous notice issued by the Authority in the Government Notices Gazette of 15 June 2005, concerning **binge eating disorder.**

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 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
- 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 **4 February 2008.**

Under the VEA, the Authority is required to find out whether there is information available about how **eating disorders** may be suffered or contracted, or death from **eating disorders** may occur; and the extent to which **eating disorders** or death from **eating disorders** 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 January 2008.** The date for the receipt of submissions in regard to the earlier advertised investigation, concerning **binge eating disorder**, is also extended to **25 January 2008.**

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

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