

## 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 investigations under section 196B(7) of the VEA to review the contents of Statements of Principles concerning the following:

| <b>Condition:</b>                      | <b>Instrument Nos.:</b>  |
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| acute blepharitis                      | 115 & 116 of 1995, as amended by 19 & 20 of 2004                   |
| chronic blepharitis                    | 117 & 118 of 1995, as amended by 21 & 22 of 2004                   |
| anal fissure                           | 247 & 248 of 1995, as amended by 11 & 12 of 1997                   |
| human immunodeficiency virus           | 1 & 2 of 1996  |
| conductive hearing loss                | 19 & 20 of 1996  |
| sensorineural hearing loss             | 29 & 30 of 2001  |
| metatarsalgia                          | 39 & 40 of 1996  |
| pruritus ani                           | 41 & 42 of 1996  |
| human T-cell lymphotropic virus type-1 | 51 & 52 of 1996  |
| posterior adventitial heel bursitis    | 55 & 56 of 1996  |
| acoustic neuroma                       | 67 & 68 of 1996  |
| obstructive nephropathy                | 87 & 88 of 1996  |
| irritable bowel syndrome               | 103 & 104 of 1996  |
| conjunctivitis                         | 111 & 112 of 1996  |
| varicocele                             | 124 & 125 of 1996  |
| polyarteritis nodosa                   | 157 & 158 of 1996  |
| Kaposi's sarcoma                       | 159 & 160 of 1996  |
| malignant neoplasm of the nasopharynx  | 167 & 168 of 1996  |
| haemochromatosis                       | 5 & 6 of 1997  |
| coeliac disease                        | 17 & 18 of 1997  |
| malignant neoplasm of the cervix       | 41 & 42 of 1997  |
| acute pancreatitis                     | 45 & 46 of 1997, as amended by 74 & 75 of 1998 and 41 & 42 of 2003 |
| extrinsic allergic alveolitis          | 57 & 58 of 1997  |
| internal derangement of the knee       | 59 of 1997 (as amended by 96 of 1997) & 60 of 1997                 |
| photocontact dermatitis                | 63 & 64 of 1997  |
| contact dermatitis                     | 65 & 66 of 1997, as amended by 23 & 24 of 2004                     |
| Ross River fever                       | 79 & 80 of 1997  |

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

- 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 each of these investigations on **8 December 2008**.

Under the VEA, the Authority is required to find out whether there is new information available about how the above listed conditions may be suffered or contracted, or death from the above listed conditions may occur; and the extent to which the above listed conditions or death from the above listed conditions 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 a copy of the *RMA Submission Guidelines* from the RMA website [[www.rma.gov.au](http://www.rma.gov.au)] or by contacting the RMA Secretariat at the address or telephone number below.

All submissions must be in writing and received by the Authority at the address below no later than **28 November 2008**.

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

KEN DONALD  
CHAIRPERSON           19/06/2008

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