

## 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, pursuant to ss.196B(7) of the VEA, as there are grounds for such a review it intends to carry out an investigation in respect of **aircraft flight** as a factor in **intervertebral disc prolapse**.

This investigation will be carried out in the context of Statements of Principles concerning **intervertebral disc prolapse** (Instrument Nos. 39 & 40 of 2007, as amended by Instrument Nos. 80 & 81 of 2008).

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 Repatriation Medical Authority will hold its first meeting for the purposes of the investigation on **3 August 2009**.

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 **31 July 2009**.

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

KEN DONALD  
CHAIRPERSON

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