



Australian Government
Repatriation Medical Authority

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 subsection 196B(7A) of the VEA, as there are grounds for such a review it intends to carry out an investigation in respect of the following:

- a. **the definition of osteoarthritis;** and
 - b. **repetitive activities or forceful activities of a joint of an upper limb**
- as factors in **osteoarthritis**.

This investigation will be carried out in the context of Statements of Principles Instrument Nos. 13 & 14 of 2010 concerning **osteoarthritis**.

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 April 2011**.

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] 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 March 2011**.

The Common Seal of the
Repatriation Medical Authority
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KEN DONALD
CHAIRPERSON

14/12/2010