



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 **child abuse** as a factor in **anxiety disorder**.

This investigation will be carried out in the context of Statements of Principles Instrument Nos. 101 and 102 of 2007, as amended by Instrument Nos. 42 and 43 of 2010.

The purpose of this investigation is to consider whether the "child abuse" factor included as a worsening factor (factor 6(c)) in the Statements of Principles concerning **anxiety disorder** should be included as an onset factor instead.

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

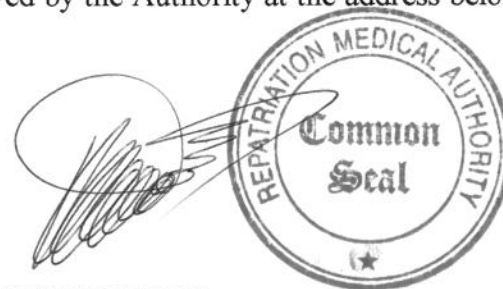
- a person eligible to make a claim for pension under Part II or Part IV of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*;
- a person eligible to make a claim for compensation under section 319 of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* ['the MRCA'];
- an organisation representing veterans, Australian 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 October 2010**.

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 **1 October 2010**.

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Repatriation Medical Authority
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KEN DONALD
CHAIRPERSON

18/08/2010