

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 under subsection 196B(7) of the VEA to review the contents of Statements of Principles Instrument Nos. 35 & 36 of 2009, as amended by Instrument Nos. 59 & 60 of 2010, Instrument Nos. 79 & 80 of 2011 and Instrument Nos. 66 & 67 of 2012, concerning **fibrosing interstitial lung disease**.

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 **12 February 2013**.

Under the VEA, the Authority is required to find out whether there is new information available about how **fibrosing interstitial lung disease** may be suffered or contracted, or death from **fibrosing interstitial lung disease** may occur, and the extent to which **fibrosing interstitial lung disease** or death from **fibrosing interstitial lung disease** 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] 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 **8 February 2013**.

The Common Seal of the)
Repatriation Medical Authority)
was affixed at the direction of:)

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CHAIRPERSON 27/08/2012

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