

**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 pursuant to subsection 196B(4) of the VEA to find out whether Statements of Principles may be determined in respect of **Lyme 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 **29 September 2015**.

Under the VEA, the Authority is required to find out whether there is information available about how **Lyme disease** may be suffered or contracted, or death from **Lyme disease** may occur, and the extent to which **Lyme disease** or death from **Lyme 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 theRMA 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 **11 September 2015**.

The Common Seal of the )

Repatriation Medical Authority )

was affixed at the direction of: )

PROFESSOR NICHOLAS SAUNDERS AO

CHAIRPERSON 01 / 05 / 2015