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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, it intends to carry out an investigation in respect of the following:

a. the definition of anxiety disorder; and

b. **mefloquine**,

as a factor in **anxiety disorder**.

This investigation will be carried out in the context of Statements of Principles Instrument Nos. 102 & 103 of 2014 concerning **anxiety disorder**.

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.

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The Authority will hold its first meeting for the purposes of this investigation on 1 December 2015.

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 **20 November 2015**.

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

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