



**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 it intends to carry out investigations under section 196B(7) of the VEA to review the contents of Statements of Principles concerning the following:

<b>Condition:</b>	<b>Instrument Nos.:</b>
rheumatoid arthritis	68 & 69 of 2008
personality disorder	70 & 71 of 2008, as amended
immune thrombocytopaenic purpura	72 & 73 of 2008
alcohol use disorder	1 & 2 of 2009, as amended
substance use disorder	3 & 4 of 2009, as amended
accommodation disorder	5 & 6 of 2009
thromboangiitis obliterans	7 & 8 of 2009
chilblains	9 & 10 of 2009
cardiac myxoma	11 & 12 of 2009

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

- 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 each of these investigations on **11 October 2016**.

Under the VEA, the Authority is required to find out whether there is new information available about how the above listed conditions may be suffered or contracted, or death from the above listed conditions may occur; and the extent to which the above listed conditions or death from the above listed conditions may be war-caused, defence-caused, a service injury, a service disease or a service death. Persons and organisations wishing to make a submission can use the RMA website [[www.rma.gov.au/investigations/](http://www.rma.gov.au/investigations/)] to electronically lodge the submission and supporting information. Alternatively, submissions can be sent by email to [info@rma.gov.au](mailto:info@rma.gov.au) or posted to the address below. The *RMA Submission Guidelines* are available online for guidance. The RMA Secretariat may be contacted at the address, telephone number or email address below for further assistance.

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All submissions must be in writing and received by the Authority at the address below no later than **23 September 2016**.

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CHAIRPERSON 22 / 4 /2016