



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

The definition of the term "cumulative equivalent dose" referred to in the ionising radiation factor in the Statements of Principles for the kinds of injury, disease or death listed in **Schedule 1** below.

Submissions

The Authority invites the following persons and organisations to provide comments or make written submissions to the Authority in respect of the review:

- 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.

First Meeting

The Authority will hold its first meeting for the purposes of this investigation on **4 April 2017**.

Contact Details

Persons and organisations wishing to make a submission can use the RMA website [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 or posted to the address below. The *RMA Submission Guidelines* are available online for guidance. The RMA Secretariat may be contacted at the telephone number or email address below for further assistance.

All submissions must be in writing and received by the Authority at the address below no later than **17 March 2017**.

The Common Seal of the
Repatriation Medical Authority
was affixed at the direction of:)
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PROFESSOR NICHOLAS SAUNDERS AO
CHAIRPERSON 8 / 2 / 2017

Schedule 1

Statement of Principles	Instrument No.	Ionising Radiation Factor No.	Definition of "cumulative equivalent dose" reference
acoustic neuroma	29 of 2011	6(a)	Paragraph 9
acoustic neuroma	30 of 2011	6(a)	Paragraph 9
acquired cataract	87 of 2016	9(4)	Schedule 1 - Dictionary
acquired cataract	88 of 2016	9(4)	Schedule 1 - Dictionary
acute lymphoblastic leukaemia	75 of 2012, as amended	6(a)	Paragraph 9
acute lymphoblastic leukaemia	76 of 2012	6(a)	Paragraph 9
acute myeloid leukaemia	71 of 2015, as amended	9(4)	Schedule 1 - Dictionary
acute myeloid leukaemia	72 of 2015, as amended	9(4)	Schedule 1 - Dictionary
adenocarcinoma of the kidney	9 of 2013	6(l)	Paragraph 9
adenocarcinoma of the kidney	10 of 2013	6(f)	Paragraph 9
Alzheimer-type dementia	22 of 2010, as amended	6(jb)	Paragraph 9
angle-closure glaucoma	25 of 2012	6(i) & 6(r)	Paragraph 9
angle-closure glaucoma	26 of 2012	6(i) & 6(r)	Paragraph 9
aortic stenosis	21 of 2013	6(c) & 6(n)	Paragraph 9
aortic stenosis	22 of 2013	6(c) & 6(j)	Paragraph 9
atherosclerotic peripheral vascular disease	23 of 2012	6(g) & 6(q)	Paragraph 9
atherosclerotic peripheral vascular disease	24 of 2012	6(g) & 6(o)	Paragraph 9
benign neoplasm of the eye and adnexa	41 of 2016	9(3)	Schedule 1 - Dictionary
benign neoplasm of the eye and adnexa	42 of 2016	9(2)	Schedule 1 - Dictionary
cardiomyopathy	85 of 2015	9(24) & 9(55)	Schedule 1 - Dictionary
cardiomyopathy	86 of 2015	9(21) & 9(49)	Schedule 1 - Dictionary
carotid arterial disease	37 of 2012	6(i) & 6(aa)	Paragraph 9
carotid arterial disease	38 of 2012	6(h) & 6(w)	Paragraph 9
cerebral meningioma	19 of 2009, as amended	6(a)	Paragraph 9
cerebral meningioma	20 of 2009, as amended	6(a)	Paragraph 9
cerebrovascular accident	65 of 2015	6(pp)(xv)	Paragraph 9
cerebrovascular accident	66 of 2015	6(ff)(xv)	Paragraph 9
chronic gastritis and chronic gastropathy	25 of 2013	6(b)(vi) & 6(i)	Paragraph 9
chronic gastritis and chronic gastropathy	26 of 2013	6(b)(vi) & 6(i)	Paragraph 9
chronic myeloid leukaemia	47 of 2014	6(b)	Paragraph 9
chronic myeloid leukaemia	48 of 2014	6(b)	Paragraph 9
chronic pancreatitis	104 of 2011	6(c)	Paragraph 9
chronic pancreatitis	105 of 2011	6(c)	Paragraph 9
cirrhosis of the liver	1 of 2017	9(3) & 9(30)	Schedule 1 - Dictionary
erectile dysfunction	43 of 2013	6(g) & 6(aa)	Paragraph 9
erectile dysfunction	44 of 2013	6(g) & 6(z)	Paragraph 9
external burn	110 of 2015	9(4)	Schedule 1 - Dictionary
external burn	111 of 2015	9(4)	Schedule 1 - Dictionary
fibrosing interstitial lung disease	53 of 2013	6(n) & 6(jj)	Paragraph 9
fibrosing interstitial lung disease	54 of 2013	6(n) & 6(jj)	Paragraph 9
gastric ulcer and duodenal ulcer	61 of 2015	6(l) & 6(ff)	Paragraph 9

gastric ulcer and duodenal ulcer	62 of 2015	6(j) & 6(v)	Paragraph 9
goitre	23 of 2013	6(i)(i) & 6(s)(i)	Paragraph 9
goitre	24 of 2013	6(i)(i) & 6(r)(i)	Paragraph 9
Graves' disease	33 of 2013	6(d) & 6(k)	Paragraph 9
Graves' disease	34 of 2013	6(d) & 6(k)	Paragraph 9
Hashimoto's thyroiditis	31 of 2013	6(d) & 6(j)	Paragraph 9
Hashimoto's thyroiditis	32 of 2013	6(d) & 6(i)	Paragraph 9
heart block	1 of 2014	6(o) & 6(jj)	Paragraph 9
heart block	2 of 2014	6(o) & 6(ii)	Paragraph 9
hypothyroidism	29 of 2013	6(h) & 6(w)	Paragraph 9
hypothyroidism	30 of 2013	6(h) & 6(v)	Paragraph 9
ischaemic heart disease	1 of 2016	9(17) & 9(60)	Schedule 1 - Dictionary
ischaemic heart disease	2 of 2016	9(15) & 9(48)	Schedule 1 - Dictionary
malignant neoplasm of the bile duct	69 of 2015	6(e)	Paragraph 9
malignant neoplasm of the bile duct	70 of 2015	6(e)	Paragraph 9
malignant neoplasm of the bladder	96 of 2011	6(b)	Paragraph 9
malignant neoplasm of the bladder	97 of 2011	6(b)	Paragraph 9
malignant neoplasm of bone and articular cartilage	106 of 2011	6(a)	Paragraph 9
malignant neoplasm of bone and articular cartilage	107 of 2011	6(a)	Paragraph 9
malignant neoplasm of the brain	85 of 2016	9(1)	Schedule 1 – Dictionary
malignant neoplasm of the brain	86 of 2016	9(1)	Schedule 1 - Dictionary
malignant neoplasm of the breast	96 of 2014	6(a)	Paragraph 9
malignant neoplasm of the breast	97 of 2014	6(a)	Paragraph 9
malignant neoplasm of the cerebral meninges	21 of 2009, as amended	6(a)	Paragraph 9
malignant neoplasm of the cerebral meninges	22 of 2009, as amended	6(a)	Paragraph 9
malignant neoplasm of the colorectum	37 of 2013	6(i)	Paragraph 9
malignant neoplasm of the colorectum	38 of 2013	6(g)	Paragraph 9
malignant neoplasm of the endometrium	11 of 2016	9(12)	Schedule 1 – Dictionary
malignant neoplasm of the endometrium	12 of 2016	9(11)	Schedule 1 - Dictionary
malignant neoplasm of the gallbladder	89 of 2015	9(4)	Schedule 1 – Dictionary
malignant neoplasm of the gallbladder	90 of 2015	9(4)	Schedule 1 – Dictionary
malignant neoplasm of the liver	21 of 2011	6(g)	Paragraph 9
malignant neoplasm of the liver	22 of 2011	6(g)	Paragraph 9
malignant neoplasm of the lung	92 of 2014	6(k)	Paragraph 9
malignant neoplasm of the lung	93 of 2014	6(h)	Paragraph 9
malignant neoplasm of the oesophagus	120 of 2015, as amended	9(3)	Schedule 1 – Dictionary
malignant neoplasm of the oesophagus	121 of 2015	9(3)	Schedule 1 – Dictionary
malignant neoplasm of the ovary	70 of 2009, as amended	6(i)	Paragraph 9
malignant neoplasm of the ovary	71 of 2009, as amended	6(d)	Paragraph 9
malignant neoplasm of the renal pelvis and ureter	98 of 2011	6(b)	Paragraph 9

malignant neoplasm of the renal pelvis and ureter	99 of 2011	6(b)	Paragraph 9
malignant neoplasm of the salivary gland	57 of 2015	6(a)	Paragraph 9
malignant neoplasm of the salivary gland	58 of 2015	6(a) & 6(b)	Paragraph 9
malignant neoplasm of the stomach	58 of 2014	6(b)	Paragraph 9
malignant neoplasm of the stomach	59 of 2014	6(b)	Paragraph 9
malignant neoplasm of the thyroid gland	39 of 2014	6(a)	Paragraph 9
malignant neoplasm of the thyroid gland	40 of 2014	6(a) & 6(b)	Paragraph 9
malignant neoplasm of the unknown primary site	80 of 2014	6(c)	Paragraph 9
malignant neoplasm of the unknown primary site	81 of 2014	6(b)	Paragraph 9
mesothelioma	104 of 2015	9(4)	Schedule 1 – Dictionary
mesothelioma	105 of 2015	9(4)	Schedule 1 – Dictionary
multiple sclerosis	100 of 2011	6(s)	Paragraph 9
myelodysplastic syndrome	73 of 2015, as amended	9(3)	Schedule 1 – Dictionary
myelodysplastic syndrome	74 of 2015, as amended	9(3)	Schedule 1 – Dictionary
myeloma	69 of 2012, as amended	6(a)	Paragraph 9
narcolepsy	7 of 2014	6(d)	Paragraph 9
narcolepsy	8 of 2014	6(d)	Paragraph 9
neoplasm of the pituitary gland	53 of 2015	6(a)	Paragraph 9
non-aneurysmal aortic atherosclerotic disease	15 of 2012	6(f) & 6(q)	Paragraph 9
non-aneurysmal aortic atherosclerotic disease	16 of 2012	6(f) & 6(m)	Paragraph 9
non-Hodgkin's lymphoma	28 of 2010, as amended	6(va)	Paragraph 9
non-melanotic malignant neoplasm of the skin	7 of 2016	9(5)	Schedule 1 – Dictionary
non-melanotic malignant neoplasm of the skin	8 of 2016	9(3)(b)	Schedule 1 – Dictionary
open-angle glaucoma	27 of 2012	6(h) & 6(t)	Paragraph 9
open-angle glaucoma	28 of 2012	6(h) & 6(t)	Paragraph 9
optochiasmatic arachnoiditis	57 of 2016	9(6) & 9(14)	Schedule 1 – Dictionary
optochiasmatic arachnoiditis	58 of 2016	9(6) & 9(14)	Schedule 1 – Dictionary
osteomyelitis	90 of 2014	6(j)	Paragraph 9
osteomyelitis	91 of 2014	6(j)	Paragraph 9
otitis externa	58 of 2012	6(c) & 6(o)	Paragraph 9
otitis externa	59 of 2012	6(c) & 6(o)	Paragraph 9
otitis media	51 of 2014	6(e)	Paragraph 9
otitis media	52 of 2014	6(e)	Paragraph 9
peritoneal adhesions	3 of 2016	9(8)	Schedule 1 – Dictionary
peritoneal adhesions	4 of 2016	9(8)	Schedule 1 – Dictionary
renal artery atherosclerotic disease	102 of 2011	6(f) & 6(m)	Paragraph 9
renal artery atherosclerotic disease	103 of 2011	6(f) & 6(m)	Paragraph 9
soft tissue sarcoma	5 of 2015	6(c) & 6(d)(i)	Paragraph 9
soft tissue sarcoma	6 of 2015	6(b) & 6(c)(i)	Paragraph 9
tinnitus	33 of 2012	6(m) & 6(ee)	Paragraph 9

tinnitus	34 of 2012	6(m) & 6(dd)	Paragraph 9
trigeminal neuropathy	79 of 2015	9(22) & 9(50)	Schedule 1 – Dictionary
trigeminal neuropathy	80 of 2015	9(22) & 9(47)	Schedule 1 – Dictionary