



Australian Government
Repatriation Medical Authority

**NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION – MULTIPLE CONDITIONS –
INSTRUMENTS SUNSETTING ON 1 OCTOBER 2024**

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 subsection 196B(7) of the VEA to review the contents of Statements of Principles concerning the following:

Condition:	Instrument Nos.:
Hodgkin's lymphoma	35 & 36 of 2014
chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	37 & 38 of 2014, as amended
malignant neoplasm of the thyroid gland	39 & 40 of 2014, as amended
acute stress disorder	41 & 42 of 2014, as amended
mitral valve prolapse	43 & 44 of 2014
pleural plaque	45 & 46 of 2014
atrial fibrillation and atrial flutter	49 & 50 of 2014
otitis media	51 & 52 of 2014, as amended
malignant neoplasm of the prostate	53 & 54 of 2014, as amended
malignant neoplasm of the stomach	58 & 59 of 2014, as amended
meliodosis	60 & 61 of 2014
lumbar spondylosis	62 & 63 of 2014, as amended
thoracic spondylosis	64 & 65 of 2014, as amended
cervical spondylosis	66 of 2014, as amended & 67 of 2014
hiatus hernia	68 & 69 of 2014
warts	70 & 71 of 2014
peripheral neuropathy	74 & 75 of 2014
Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease	76 & 77 of 2014
vascular dementia	78 & 79 of 2014
malignant neoplasm of unknown primary site	80 & 81 of 2014, as amended
posttraumatic stress disorder	82 & 83 of 2014, as amended
chronic lymphocytic leukaemia/small lymphocytic lymphoma	84 of 2014, as amended & 85 of 2014
intervertebral disc prolapse	43 & 44 of 2016, as amended

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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 VEA;
- 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 **15 February 2022**.

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 <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 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.

All submissions must be in writing and received by the Authority no later than **28 January 2022**.

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

PROFESSOR TERENCE CAMPBELL AM
CHAIRPERSON 22 / 10 / 2021