



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

Condition:	Instrument Nos.:
aortic stenosis	21 and 22 of 2013, as amended
goitre	23 and 24 of 2013, as amended
chronic gastritis and chronic gastropathy	25 and 26 of 2013, as amended
hyperthyroidism and thyrotoxicosis	27 and 28 of 2013
hypothyroidism	29 and 30 of 2013, as amended
Hashimoto's thyroiditis	31 and 32 of 2013, as amended
Graves' disease	33 and 34 of 2013, as amended
colorectal adenoma	35 and 36 of 2013
malignant neoplasm of the colorectum	37 and 38 of 2013, as amended
familial adenomatous polyposis	39 and 40 of 2013
sleep apnoea	41 and 42 of 2013
erectile dysfunction	43 and 44 of 2013, as amended
gingivitis	45 and 46 of 2013, as amended
periodontitis	47 and 48 of 2013
periodontal abscess	49 and 50 of 2013
malignant neoplasm of the anus and anal canal	51 and 52 of 2013
fibrosing interstitial lung disease	53 and 54 of 2013, as amended
asbestosis	55 and 56 of 2013
sudden unexplained death	57 and 58 of 2013
malignant neoplasm of the larynx	61 and 62 of 2013
hypertension	63, as amended and 64 of 2013
gastro-oesophageal reflux disease	65 and 66 of 2013
motor neurone disease	67, as amended and 68 of 2013

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 **7 April 2021**.

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 **29 March 2021**.

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

PROFESSOR NICHOLAS SAUNDERS AO
CHAIRPERSON 24 / 12 / 2020