

**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:

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| **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 |
| melioidosis | 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 |

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 electronicallylodge 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. TheRMA 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**.

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| The Common Seal of the )  Repatriation Medical Authority )  was affixed at the direction of: ) |  |
|  | PROFESSOR TERENCE CAMPBELL AM CHAIRPERSON 22 / 10 / 2021 |