

**NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION – MULTIPLE CONDITIONS – INSTRUMENTS SUNSETTING ON 16 November 2025, 25 January 2026 and 4 April 2026,**

**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:** | | **Commenced:** |
| Non-melanotic malignant neoplasm of the skin | 7 & 8 of 2016 | 4 April 2016 | |
| External bruise | 5 & 6 of 2016 | 25 January 2016 | |
| Ischaemic heart disease | 1 & 2 of 2016 | 25 January 2016 | |
| Adjustment disorder | 23 & 24 of 2016 | 4 April 2016 | |
| Malignant neoplasm of the endometrium | 11 & 12 0f 2016 | 4 April 2016 | |
| Loss of teeth | 124 & 125 of 2015 | 16 November 2015 | |
| Eating disorder | 13 & 14 of 2016 | 4 April 2016 | |
| Lyme disease | 25 & 26 of 2016 | 4 April 2016 | |
| Peritoneal adhesions | 3 & 4 of 2016 | 25 January 2016 | |
| Discoid lupus erythematosus | 126 & 127 of 2015 | 16 November 2015 | |
| Dental caries | 122 & 123 of 2015 | 16 November 2015 | |
| Benign prostatic hyperplasia | 17 & 18 of 2016 | 4 April 2016 | |
| Myopia, hypermetropia and astigmatism | 9 & 10 of 2016 | 4 April 2016 | |
| Malignant neoplasm of the oesophagus | 120 & 121of 2015 | 16 November 2015 | |
| Polymyalgia rheumatica | 19 & 20 of 2016 | 4 April 2016 | |
| Diverticular disease of the colon | 15 & 16 of 2016 | 4 April 2016 | |
| Systemic lupus erythematosus | 21 & 22 of 2016 | 4 April 2016 | |
| Pterygium | 116 & 117 of 2015 | 16 November 2015 | |
| Pinguecula | 118 & 119 of 2015 | 16 November 2015 | |

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 **6 February 2023**.

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 **23 January 2024**.

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| The Common Seal of the )  Repatriation Medical Authority )  was affixed at the direction of: ) |  |
|  | PROFESSOR TERENCE CAMPBELL AM CHAIRPERSON 3 / November / 2023 |