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Statement of Principles

concerning

INGUINAL HERNIA

ICD CODE 550

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 subsection 196B(3)

- 1. Being of the view that, on the sound medical-scientific evidence available to the Repatriation Medical Authority, it is more probable than not that **inguinal hernia and death from inguinal hernia** can be related to eligible war service (other than operational service) rendered by veterans and defence service (other than hazardous service) rendered by members of the Forces, the Repatriation Medical Authority determines, under subsection 196B(3) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, that the factors that must exist before it can be said that, on the balance of probabilities, **inguinal hernia or death from inguinal hernia** is connected with the circumstances of that service, are:
 - (a) having an episode of raised intra-abdominal pressure at the time of the clinical onset of inguinal hernia; or
 - (b) having an episode of raised intra-abdominal pressure at the time of the clinical worsening of inguinal hernia; or
 - (c) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for inguinal hernia
- 2. Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in paras 1(a) to 1(c) must be related to any service rendered by a person.

3. The factors set out in para 1(b) and 1(c) apply only where: (a) the person's inguinal hernia was contracted prior to a period, or part of a period, of service to which the factor is related; and (b) the relationship suggested between the inguinal hernia and the particular service of a person is a relationship set out in paragraph 8(1)(e), 9(1)(e) or 70(5)(d) of the Act. 4. For the purposes of this Statement of Principles: "inguinal hernia" means a protrusion of content from the abdominal cavity through that part of the abdominal wall known as the inguinal canal, which may occur either directly or indirectly depending upon the anatomical route taken by the hernia, and on either side of the body; "raised intra-abdominal pressure" means an intermittent or continuous elevation of the intra-abdominal pressure. Dated this day of 1994

> KEN DONALD CHAIRMAN

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in the presence of:

Repatriation Medical Authority was affixed to this instrument