Statement of Principles

concerning

MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OF THE PANCREAS

ICD CODE: 157

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 malignant neoplasm of the pancreas and death from malignant neoplasm of the pancreas 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, that malignant neoplasm of the pancreas or death from malignant neoplasm of the pancreas is connected with the circumstances of that service, are:

   (a) suffering from chronic pancreatitis before the clinical onset of malignant neoplasm of the pancreas; or

   (b) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for malignant neoplasm of the pancreas.

2. Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in paragraphs 1(a) and 1(b) must be related to any service rendered by a person.
3. The factor set out in paragraph 1(b) applies only where:

(a) the person’s **malignant neoplasm of the pancreas** 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 **malignant neoplasm of the pancreas** 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:

   **“chronic pancreatitis”** means an inflammation of the pancreas lasting at least one year, attracting ICD Code of 577.1;

   **“ICD code”** means a number assigned to a particular kind of injury or disease in the tenth edition of the *International Classification of Diseases* 9th Revision, effective date of 1 October 1993, copyrighted by the US Commission on Professional and Hospital Activities, and having the Library of Congress number 77-94472;

   **“malignant neoplasm of the pancreas”** means a malignant neoplasm of the cells of the pancreas, attracting ICD code 157.

Dated this day of 1994

The Common Seal of the Repatriation Medical Authority was affixed to this instrument in the presence of:

KEN DONALD
CHAIRMAN