

# Statement of Principles

concerning

## **HEPATITIS A**

ICD CODE: 70.0, 70.1

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 **hepatitis A and death from hepatitis A** 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, **hepatitis A or death from hepatitis A** is connected with the circumstances of that service, are:
  - (a) living in conditions of overcrowding or poor hygiene within the 50 days before contracting hepatitis A; or
  - (b) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for hepatitis A.
2. Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in paragraphs 1(a) to 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 **hepatitis A** was contracted prior to a period, or part of a period, of service to which the factor is related; and

