## Statement of Principles

concerning

## **WILSON'S DISEASE**

**ICD CODE: 275.1** 

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 subsection 196B(2)

- 1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that Wilson's disease and death from Wilson's disease can be related to operational service rendered by veterans, peacekeeping service rendered by members of Peacekeeping forces and hazardous service rendered by members of the Forces, the Repatriation Medical Authority determines, under subsection 196B(2) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act* 1986, that the factor that must as a minimum exist before it can be said that a reasonable hypothesis has been raised connecting Wilson's disease or death from Wilson's disease with the circumstances of that service, is:
  - (a) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for the Wilson's disease.
- 2. Subject to clause 3 (below) the factor set out in paragraph **1(a)** must be related to any service rendered by a person.
- 3. The factor set out in paragraph **1(a)** applies only where:
  - (a) the person's **Wilson's disease** was suffered prior to a period, or part of a period, of service to which the factor is related; and

- (b) the relationship suggested between the **Wilson's disease** and the particular service of a person is a relationship set out in paragraph 8(1)(e), 9(1)(e), 70(5)(d), or 70(5A)(d) of the Act.
- 4. For the purposes of this Statement of Principles:

"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;

"Wilson's disease" means an inherited autosomal recessive abnormality in the hepatic excretion of copper which results in toxic accumulations of the metal in the liver, brain and other organs, attracting ICD code 275.1.

Dated this day of	2330
The Common Seal of the )	
Repatriation Medical Authority )	
was affixed to this instrument )	
in the presence of:	

KEN DONALD CHAIRMAN