Statement of Principles

concerning

CHRONIC LYMPHOID LEUKAEMIA

ICD CODE: 204.1

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 **chronic lymphoid leukaemia and death from chronic lymphoid leukaemia** 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, **chronic lymphoid leukaemia** or **death from chronic lymphoid leukaemia** is connected with the circumstances of that service, are:
 - (a) for adult T-cell chronic lymphoid leukaemia only, being infected by the HTLV-1 virus before the clinical onset of chronic lymphoid leukaemia; or
 - (b) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for chronic lymphoid leukaemia.
- 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 **chronic lymphoid leukaemia** 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 **chronic lymphoid leukaemia** 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:

"being infected by HTLV-1" means serological evidence of infection within the retro virus human T-cell lymphotrophic virus Type 1, attracting an ICD code of 079.51;

"chronic lymphoid leukaemia" means a malignant neoplasm of lymphocytes, predominantly of activated B lymphocytes, attracting ICD code 204.1;

"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.

Dated this	day of	1995
The Common Seal of the Repatriation Medical Authority was affixed to this instrument)))	
in the presence of:)	

KEN DONALD CHAIRMAN