The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(3) of the Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986 (the Act), Instrument No.86 of 1995 (Statement of Principles concerning ischaemic heart disease) by:

1. inserting immediately after paragraph (u) of clause 1, the following:

   “(ua) suffering from acute stress immediately before the clinical worsening of ischaemic heart disease; or”;

2. inserting after the definition of “diabetes mellitus” in paragraph 4 the following definition:

   “DSM-IV’ means the fourth edition of the American Psychiatric Association’s Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders;”;

3. inserting after the definition of “obesity” in paragraph 4 the following definition:

   “suffering from acute stress' means the following (derived from DSM-IV):

   (a) the person experienced, witnessed, or was confronted with an event that involved actual or threatened death or serious injury, or a threat to the person’s, or other people’s, physical integrity; and
(b) the person’s response to that event involved intense fear, helplessness or horror.”.

The amendments made by this instrument apply to all matters to which Instrument No.86 of 1995 and section 120B of the Act apply.

Dated this Eighteenth day of October 1995

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

KEN DONALD
CHAIRMAN