## **REVOKED**

## Statement of Principles

concerning

## MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OF THE NASOPHARYNX

ICD CODE: 147

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 subsection 196B(2)

- 1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that malignant neoplasm of the nasopharynx and death from malignant neoplasm of the nasopharynx 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* (the Act), that the factor that must as a minimum exist before it can be said that a reasonable hypothesis has been raised connecting malignant neoplasm of the nasopharynx with the circumstances of that service, is:
  - (a) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for the malignant neoplasm of the nasopharynx.
- 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 **malignant neoplasm of the nasopharynx** was contracted before 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 nasopharynx** 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 Australian Version of The International Classification of Diseases, 9th revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM), effective date of 1 July 1995, copyrighted by the National Coding Centre, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Sydney, NSW, and having ISBN 0 642 22235 5;

**"malignant neoplasm of the nasopharynx"** means a primary malignancy of that part of the pharynx which lies above the level of the soft palate, attracting ICD code 147.

## Dated this Twenty-ninth day of August 1995

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

KEN DONALD CHAIRMAN