Amendment of Statement of Principles

concerning

POLYCYTHAEMIA VERA

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Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986

1. The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(3) of the Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986 and subsection 33(3) of the Acts Interpretation Act 1901, Instrument No.79 of 1999 by:

   A. deleting clause 3 and inserting in its place the following clause:

   “3. After examining the available sound medical-scientific evidence the Repatriation Medical Authority is of the view that it is more probable than not on the sound medical-scientific evidence available, that the only factor that can be related to the cause of or material contribution to or aggravation of polycythæmia vera or death from polycythæmia vera and which can be related to relevant service is that set out in clause 4.”

   B. deleting clause 4 and inserting in its place the following clause:

   “4. The factor that must exist before it can be said that, on the balance of probabilities, in relation to the circumstances of a person’s relevant service causing or materially contributing to or aggravating polycythæmia vera or death from polycythæmia vera is inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for polycythæmia vera.”

   C. deleting the headnotes to and clauses 5 and 6.

   D. renumbering clauses 7, 8 and 9 as clauses 5, 6 and 7.
2. The amendments made by this instrument apply to all matters to which Instrument No. 79 of 1999 and section 120B of the Act apply.

Dated this Third day of January 2001

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

KEN DONALD
CHAIRMAN