Revocation

of

Statement of Principles
concerning

COLORECTAL ADENOMATOUS POLYP
OR FAMILIAL ADENOMATOUS
POLYPOSIS

and

Determination

of

Statement of Principles
concerning

FAMILIAL ADENOMATOUS POLYPOSIS

Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986

1. The Repatriation Medical Authority under subsection 196B(3) of the Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986 (the Act):

(a) revokes Instrument No.92 of 1996 concerning colorectal adenomatous polyp or familial adenomatous polyposis; and

(b) determines in its place the following Statement of Principles concerning familial adenomatous polyposis.

Kind of injury, disease or death

2. (a) This Statement of Principles is about familial adenomatous polyposis and death from familial adenomatous polyposis.
(b) For the purposes of this Statement of Principles, “familial adenomatous polyposis” means an inherited autosomal dominant syndrome caused by germ-line mutation of the adenomatous polyposis coli gene, characterised by the formation of more than 100 colorectal adenomas.

**Basis for determining the factors**

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 familial adenomatous polyposis or death from familial adenomatous polyposis and which can be related to relevant service is that set out in clause 4.

**Factors that must be related to service**

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 familial adenomatous polyposis or death from familial adenomatous polyposis is inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for familial adenomatous polyposis.

**Other definitions**

5. For the purposes of this Statement of Principles:

“death from familial adenomatous polyposis” in relation to a person includes death from a terminal event or condition that was contributed to by the person’s familial adenomatous polyposis;

“relevant service” means:
(a) eligible war service (other than operational service); or
(b) defence service (other than hazardous service);

“terminal event” means the proximate or ultimate cause of death and includes:
(a) pneumonia;
(b) respiratory failure;
(c) cardiac arrest;
(d) circulatory failure; or
(e) cessation of brain function.
Application

6. This Instrument applies to all matters to which section 120B of the Act applies.

Dated this Sixth day of August 2002

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

KEN DONALD
CHAIRMAN