Amendment Statement of Principles
concerning
OTITIC BAROTRAUMA
No. 16 of 2017
for the purposes of the
Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986
and
Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004

1. This Instrument may be cited as Amendment Statement of Principles concerning otitic barotrauma No. 16 of 2017.


(A) Replacing the definition of "a change in the ambient barometric pressure as specified" in clause 9 with the following:

"a change in the ambient barometric pressure as specified" means a significant and rapid reduction or increase in the pressure surrounding the person, including in such circumstances as:

(a) ascending from a submerged craft or device or a submarine escape training facility;
(b) decompression or compression in a hypobaric or hyperbaric chamber;
(c) flying;
(d) sky diving;
(e) underwater diving;
(f) working in a submarine; or
(g) working in a pressurised chamber or tunnel;'

3. The amendment made by this instrument applies to all matters to which Instrument No. 36 of 2012, section 120B of the Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986 and section 339 of the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004 apply.
4. The amendment made by this instrument commences on 23 January 2017.

Dated this twelfth day of December 2016

The Common Seal of the Repatriation Medical Authority was affixed to this instrument at the direction of:

PROFESSOR NICHOLAS SAUNDERS AO
CHAIRPERSON