REPATRIATION MEDICAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

RE: INVESTIGATION INTO GULF WAR SYNDROME

In relation to the Notice of Investigation in respect of Gulf War syndrome gazetted on 3 November 1999 in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, the Repatriation Medical Authority states that it does not propose to make a Statement of Principles concerning Gulf War syndrome for the purposes of subsection 196B(2) or (3) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act), for the reason that the Authority formed the view that Gulf War syndrome is not a "disease" as defined in section 5D of the Act.

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

12/8/2003

KEN DONALD
CHAIRMAN