REPATRIATION MEDICAL AUTHORITY DECLARATION

RE: INVESTIGATION INTO GULF WAR SYNDROME

In relation to the Notice of Investigation in respect of Gulf War syndrome gazetted on 14 January 2009 in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, the Repatriation Medical Authority (the Authority) declares that it does not propose to determine a Statement of Principles concerning Gulf War syndrome under subsection 196B(2) or (3) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act), for the reason that the Authority has concluded that Gulf War syndrome is not a "disease" or "injury" as defined in section 5D of the Act.

It is the Authority's view that the available sound medical-scientific evidence continues to support the 2003 decision of the Authority that there is no unique Gulf War syndrome that can be defined as a disease or injury under the Act.

In making this declaration, the Authority notes that a proportion of Gulf War veterans have or will at some stage experience a medically diagnosed physical or psychiatric disease or injury, and that compensation and medical treatment are available in cases where there is a link to service.

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

18/06/2010

KEN DONALD
CHAIRPERSON