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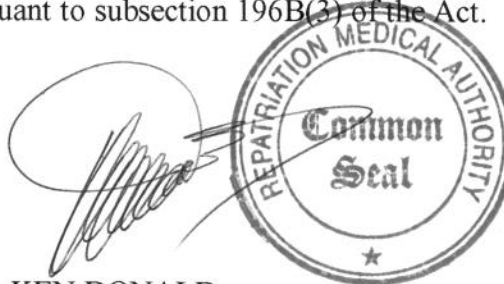
**DECLARATION UNDER SUBSECTION 196B(9)
OF THE VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS ACT 1986**

The Repatriation Medical Authority (the Authority), under subsection 196B(9) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act), makes the following declaration in respect of an investigation to review the contents of the Statements of Principles in force under the Act concerning **Parkinson's disease and parkinsonism**. The investigation related to "pesticides" and the Notice of Investigation was published in the Government Notices Gazette of 4 November 2009.

The Authority declares that while it proposes to amend Statement of Principles, Instrument No. 65 of 2007, concerning **Parkinson's disease and parkinsonism**, it does not propose to amend Statement of Principles, Instrument No. 66 of 2007, for the reason that the new sound medical-scientific evidence (SMSE) available is not sufficient to justify an amendment to this Statement of Principles already determined in respect of **Parkinson's disease and parkinsonism**.

The studies relating to pesticides reported inconsistent findings and had a number of methodological limitations. The Authority is of the view that the SMSE available raises a reasonable hypothesis that **Parkinson's disease and parkinsonism** can be related to service involving exposure to certain pesticides. However, the available SMSE did not establish that such relationship is more probable than not and did not enable the Authority to determine a factor for inclusion in the Statement of Principles, Instrument No. 66 of 2007, determined pursuant to subsection 196B(3) of the Act.

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