



Australian Government  
Repatriation Medical Authority

**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 **sarcoidosis**. The investigation related to "dioxins" and the Notice of Investigation was published in the Government Notices Gazette of 12 May 2010.

The Authority declares that it does not propose to amend the Statements of Principles, Instrument Nos. 115 & 116 of 2007, concerning **sarcoidosis** for the reason that the new sound medical-scientific evidence (SMSE) available is not sufficient to justify an amendment to the Statements of Principles already determined in respect of **sarcoidosis**.

While the material submitted by the applicant suggests the contention that dioxins have an effect on the immune system, no epidemiological studies concerning the possible association between dioxins and sarcoidosis could be identified. For this reason, the Authority is of the view that the available SMSE does not indicate that **sarcoidosis** can be related to service involving exposure to dioxins.

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