

FURTHER NOTICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

Section 196G of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*

The provisions of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* [‘the MRCA’] and the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Act 2004* pertaining to claims for compensation under the MRCA commenced on 1 July 2004. By virtue of sections 338 and 339 of the MRCA, claims under section 319 for acceptance of liability for an injury, disease or death that relates to warlike, non-warlike or peacetime service arising on or after 1 July 2004 under the MRCA are determined by reference to Statements of Principle issued by the Repatriation Medical Authority [‘the Authority’] pursuant to section 196B of the VEA.

In accordance with section 196G of the VEA, the Authority has previously published in the Government Notices Gazette notices of its intention to undertake the following investigations under section 196B(7) of the VEA to review the contents of Statements of Principles concerning:

- malignant neoplasm of the oral cavity or hypopharynx
- malignant neoplasm of the salivary gland
- non-melanotic malignant neoplasm of the skin
- neoplasm of the pituitary gland
- rheumatoid arthritis
- haemorrhoids
- gastro-oesophageal reflux disease
- Jakob-Cruetefeldt disease
- spondylolisthesis & spondylolysis
- seizures
- epilepsy
- malignant neoplasm of the small intestine
- asbestosis
- chronic bronchitis and emphysema
- inguinal hernia
- sleep apnoea
- malignant neoplasm of the larynx
- malignant neoplasm of the prostate
- malignant neoplasm of the breast
- malignant neoplasm of the thyroid gland
- acute myeloid leukaemia
- chronic lymphoid leukaemia
- seborrhoeic dermatitis
- soft tissue sarcoma
- malignant neoplasm of the lung
- Hodgkin's disease
- myelodysplastic disorder
- peripheral neuropathy
- malignant neoplasm of the pancreas
- osteoarthritis
- rotator cuff syndrome

- fracture
- archilles tendonitis or bursitis
- acute sprains & acute strains
- plantar fasciitis
- Paget's disease of bone
- external burns
- cervical spondylosis
- thoracic spondylosis
- cervical spondylosis
- sudden unexplained death
- bipolar disorder
- Caisson disease
- Meniere's disease
- motor neuron disease.

Pursuant to the VEA and the MRCA the Authority is required to find out whether there is new information available about how any of the above injuries or diseases may be suffered or sustained or contracted or death from the above injuries or diseases may occur; and the extent to which the injury or disease or death from the injury or disease may be war-caused or defence-caused; or the injury, disease or death may be a service injury, a service disease or a service death.

The following persons and organisations are entitled to make written submissions to the Authority in respect of these investigations:

- a person eligible to make a claim for pension under Part II or Part IV of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*;
- a person eligible to make a claim for compensation under section 319 of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* ['the MRCA'];
- an organisation representing veterans, Australian mariners, members of the Forces, members of the Peacekeeping Forces, members within the meaning of the MRCA, or their dependants;
- the Repatriation Commission or the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission; and
- a person having expertise in a field relevant to the investigation.

The Authority invites the above persons and organisations to make written submissions to the Authority in respect of any of the investigations referred to above.

Persons and organisations wishing to make a submission should obtain from the Repatriation Medical Authority Secretariat (at the address and phone number below) a copy of the *Repatriation Medical Authority Submission Guidelines*.

All submissions must be in writing and received by the Authority at the address below no later than **10 September 2004**.

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