

**REPATRIATION MEDICAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT**

**RE: INVESTIGATION INTO OSTEOPAENIA**

In relation to the Notice of Investigation in respect of osteopaenia gazetted on 22 July 2005 in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, the Repatriation Medical Authority states that it does not propose to make a Statement of Principles concerning osteopaenia 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 osteopaenia 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: )

26/4/2006

KEN DONALD  
CHAIRPERSON