REPATRIATION MEDICAL AUTHORITY

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

The Repatriation Medical 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 a Statement of Principles in force under the Act in respect of asthma, particularly in relation to smoking, notice of which investigation was gazetted on 10 September 1997 in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette.

DECLARATION

The Repatriation Medical Authority declares that it does not propose to amend the Statements of Principles concerning asthma being Instrument No.59 of 1996, as amended by Instrument No.75 of 1997, and Instrument No.60 of 1996, as amended by Instrument No.76 of 1997, for the reason that the new sound medical-scientific evidence available is not sufficient to justify an amendment to the Statements of Principles already determined in respect of asthma in so far as this investigation in relation to asthma and smoking.

The Common Seal of the)
Repatriation Medical Authority)
was affixed in the presence of:) 27/8/98

KEN DONALD
CHAIRMAN