



Australian Government
Repatriation Medical Authority

DECLARATION UNDER SUBSECTION 196B(9)
OF THE *VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS ACT 1986*
CONCERNING PRESBYOPIA
JUNE 2025

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 the investigation concerning **presbyopia** notified in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette of 30 October 2024.

The Authority declares that it does not propose to make a Statement of Principles concerning presbyopia, for the purposes of subsection 196B(2) or (3) of the Act, The reason is that the Authority is of the view that the sound medical and scientific evidence is insufficient to enable the Authority to determine factors for presbyopia which might be related to service. The sound medical and scientific evidence is therefore insufficient in order to determine Statements of Principles for presbyopia either on the basis of reasonable hypothesis or balance of probability.

Dated 20 June 2025

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