



Australian Government
Repatriation Medical Authority

DECLARATION UNDER SUBSECTION 196B(6)
OF THE *VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS ACT 1986*
CONCERNING SIGNAL TO NOISE RATIO HEARING LOSS

The Repatriation Medical Authority (the Authority), under subsection 196B(6) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act), makes the following declaration in respect of the investigation concerning signal to noise ratio hearing loss notified in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette of 20 October 2025.

The Authority declares that it does not propose to make a Statement of Principles concerning signal to noise ratio hearing loss, 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 a causal link between noise exposure and signal to noise ratio hearing loss either on the basis of reasonable hypothesis or balance of probability. The sound medical and scientific evidence is therefore insufficient in order to determine Statements of Principles for signal to noise ratio hearing loss.

By and on behalf of
Repatriation Medical Authority:

PROFESSOR TERENCE CAMPBELL AM
CHAIRPERSON 16 April 2026