NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION

Section 196G of the
Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986

The Repatriation Medical Authority (the Authority) gives notice under section 196G of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the VEA) that, pursuant to ss.196B(7) of the VEA, as there are grounds for such a review it intends to carry out an investigation in respect of **anxiety spectrum disorders** as a factor in **ischaemic heart disease**.

This investigation will be carried out in the context of Statements of Principles concerning **ischaemic heart disease** (Instrument Nos. 89 and 90 of 2007).

The Authority invites the following persons and organisations to make written submissions to the Authority in respect of the investigation:

- any person eligible to make a claim for pension under Part II or Part IV of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*;

- any 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

- any person having expertise in a field relevant to the investigation.

The Repatriation Medical Authority will hold its first meeting for the purposes of the investigation on **8 December 2008.**

Persons and organisations wishing to make a submission should obtain a copy of the *RMA Submission Guidelines* from the RMA website [*www.rma.gov.au*] or by contacting the RMA Secretariat at the address or telephone number below.

All submissions must be in writing and received by the Authority at the address below no later than **1 December 2008.**

The Common Seal of the   )
Repatriation Medical Authority   )
was affixed in the presence of   )

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