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 the following:

(a) **Sunlight**;
(b) **Ultraviolet (UV) radiation**;
(c) **Silica**; and
(d) **Malaria**,

as factors in **systemic lupus erythematosus.**

This investigation will be carried out in the context of Statements of Principles concerning **systemic lupus erythematosus** (Instrument Nos. 85 and 86 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 this investigation on **9 February 2009**.

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 **30 January 2009**.

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

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