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 it intends to carry out an investigation under subsection 196B(7) of the VEA to review the contents of Statements of Principles Instrument Nos. 74 & 75 of 2008, as amended by Instrument Nos. 45 & 46 of 2009, concerning **deep vein thrombosis**.

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

- a person eligible to make a claim for pension under Part II or Part IV of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*;
- a 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
- a person having expertise in a field relevant to the investigation.

The Authority will hold its first meeting for the purposes of this investigation on **3 April 2012**.

Under the VEA, the Authority is required to find out whether there is new information available about how **deep vein thrombosis** may be suffered or contracted, or death from **deep vein thrombosis** may occur, and the extent to which **deep vein thrombosis** or death from **deep vein thrombosis** may be war-caused, defence-caused, a service injury, a service disease or a service death. 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 March 2012**.

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

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CHAIRPERSON 24/02/2012

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