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Repatriation Medical Authority

NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION – POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER – FOCUSED

Section 370CJ of the

Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004

The Repatriation Medical Authority (the Authority) gives notice under section 370CJ of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* (MRCA) that, under section 370CE of the MRCA, it intends to investigate **intimate partner violence** as a factor in **posttraumatic stress disorder**.

The investigation will be conducted in relation to Statements of Principles Instrument Nos. 97 & 98 of 2022 concerning **posttraumatic stress disorder**.

The Authority invites written submissions about the investigation from the following persons and organisations:

- 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 or members of the Forces (all within the meaning of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986)*;
- an organisation representing members or their dependants;
- the Commission; and
- a person having expertise in a field relevant to the investigation.

The Authority will hold its first meeting for this investigation on **16 February 2027**.

Under the MRCA, the Authority must determine whether new information is available about how posttraumatic stress disorder may be suffered or contracted, or how death from posttraumatic stress disorder may occur.

The Authority must also consider the extent to which posttraumatic stress disorder, or death from posttraumatic stress disorder, may be war-caused, defence-caused, a service injury, a service disease or a service death.

Persons and organisations wishing to make a submission may lodge their submission and supporting information electronically through the RMA website http://www.rma.gov.au/investigations/.

Submissions may also be emailed to info@rma.gov.au or posted to the address below.

The *RMA Submission Guidelines* are available online. For further assistance, contact the RMA Secretariat using the address, telephone number or email address below.

All submissions must be in writing and received by the Authority by **19 January 2027**.

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By and on behalf of
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23 October 2026

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