

NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION

Section 196G of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*

The Repatriation Medical Authority gives notice under section 196G of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act) that it intends to carry out an investigation in respect of **osteoarthritis and trauma to the relevant joint** following a request for review under section 196E(1)(f) of the Act.

This investigation will be carried out in the context of Statements of Principles concerning osteoarthritis (Instrument No.71 of 1995, as amended by Instrument No.336 of 1995 and Instrument No.352 of 1995, and Instrument No.72 of 1995, as amended by Instrument No.337 of 1995 and Instrument No.353 of 1995).

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 organisation representing veterans, Australian mariners, members of the Forces, members of the Peacekeeping Forces or their dependants;
- the Repatriation 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 **18 June 1997**.

Under the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, the RMA is required to find out whether there is new sound medical-scientific evidence about osteoarthritis and trauma to the relevant joint. Therefore, persons and organisations wishing to make a submission should obtain from the RMA Secretariat (at the address and phone number below) a copy of the *RMA Submission Guidelines*.

All submissions must be in writing and received by the Authority at the address below no later than **2 May 1997**.

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

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