

NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION

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

Following a number of requests for review under section 196E(1)(f) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act) the Repatriation Medical Authority (the Authority) gives notice under section 196G of the Act, that it intends to carry out an investigation in respect of **post traumatic stress disorder and hypertension and post traumatic stress disorder and ischaemic heart disease.**

This investigation will be carried out in the context of the following Statements of Principles:

- Instrument No.140 of 1996 and Instrument No.141 of 1996, Statements of Principles concerning ischaemic heart disease;
- Instrument No.83 of 1995 and Instrument No.84 of 1995, Statements of Principles concerning hypertension;

and will be conducted in conjunction with the formal investigation relating to the possible causative role of psychosocial stress (particularly war or service related stressors) in the development of ischaemic heart disease (including coronary atherosclerosis), hypertension, cerebrovascular accident and psoriasis, which was previously advertised in the Gazette of 22 January 1997.

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.

Under the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, the RMA is required to find out whether there is new sound medical-scientific evidence about post traumatic stress disorder and hypertension and post traumatic stress disorder and ischaemic heart disease. 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 **13 June 1997**.

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

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