

## 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 under section 196B(4) of the Act to find out whether a Statement of Principles may be determined in respect of **Gulf War syndrome**.

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 **28 January 2000**.

Under the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, the RMA is required to find out whether there is information or sound medical-scientific evidence that defines "Gulf War syndrome" as a disease or injury according to the legislation. The RMA is also required to consider whether possible exposures from the Gulf War are covered in factors for existing Statements of Principles under the Act. 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 **21 January 2000**.

The Common Seal of the  
Repatriation Medical Authority  
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CHAIRMAN

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