

## 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 the following: **acquired cataract, chronic solar skin damage, malignant neoplasm of the lip epithelium, non-melanotic malignant neoplasm of the skin and pterygium, particularly in relation to the required level of exposure to solar radiation**, following a request for review under section 196E(1)(f) of the Act:

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

- acquired cataract (Instrument Nos.146 and 147 of 1996);
- chronic solar skin damage (Instrument Nos.33 and 34 of 1996);
- malignant neoplasm of the lip epithelium (Instrument Nos.105 and 106 of 1996);
- non-melanotic malignant neoplasm of the skin (Instrument Nos.45 and 46 of 1998).
- pterygium (Instrument Nos.60 and 61 of 1998);

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 this investigation on **2 November 1999**.

Under the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, the RMA is required to find out whether there is a new body of sound medical-scientific evidence about acquired cataract, chronic solar skin damage, malignant neoplasm of the lip epithelium, non-melanotic malignant neoplasm of the skin or pterygium, particularly in relation to the required level of exposure to solar radiation. 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 **18 October 1999.**

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

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CHAIRMAN

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