NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION

Section 196G of the

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986

The Authority gives notice under section 196G of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act) that it intends to carry out an investigation to review **malignant melanoma of the skin**, under section 196B(7)(b) of the Act.

This investigation will be carried out in the context of Statements of Principles concerning malignant melanoma of the skin (Instrument Nos.97 and 98 of 1995, as amended by Instrument Nos.189 and 190 of 1996).

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 **8 February 2000.**

Under the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, the RMA is required to find out whether there is a body of new sound medical-scientific evidence about malignant melanoma of the skin. 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 **17 January 2000.**

The Common Seal of the)	
Repatriation Medical Authority)	
was affixed in the presence of)	
	KEN DONALD	
	CHAIRMAN	6/8/99

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