

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 in respect of **gunshot wounds, particularly in relation to the definition and coverage of the term 'gunshot wounds'**, under section 196B(7)(b) of the Act.

This investigation will be carried out in the context of Statements of Principles concerning gunshot wounds (Instrument Nos.39 and 40 of 1994, as amended by Instrument Nos.229 and 230 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 this investigation on **8 October 1999**.

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 gunshot wounds, particularly in relation to the definition and coverage of the term 'gunshot wounds'. 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 **10 September 1999**.

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

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CHAIRMAN

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