

NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION

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

The Repatriation Medical Authority (the Authority) gives notice under section 196G of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* [‘the VEA’] that it intends to carry out an investigation under section 196B(4) of the VEA to find out whether a Statement of Principles may be determined in respect of **systemic lupus erythematosus**.

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 person eligible to make a claim for compensation under section 319 of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* [‘the MRCA’];
- an organisation representing veterans, Australian mariners, members of the Forces, members of the Peacekeeping Forces, members within the meaning of the MRCA, or their dependants;
- the Repatriation Commission or the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission; and
- any person having expertise in a field relevant to the investigation.

The Authority will hold its first meeting for the purposes of this investigation on **5 December 2005**.

Under the VEA, the Authority is required to find out whether there is information available about how **systemic lupus erythematosus** may be suffered or contracted, or death from **systemic lupus erythematosus** may occur; and the extent to which **systemic lupus erythematosus** or death from **systemic lupus erythematosus** may be war-caused, defence-caused, a service injury, a service disease or a service death. Persons and organisations wishing to make a submission should obtain from the Repatriation Medical Authority Secretariat (at the address and phone number below) a copy of the *Repatriation Medical Authority Submission Guidelines*.

All submissions must be in writing and received by the Authority at the address below no later than **30 November 2005**.

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

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