

## 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 **heart block (complete)**.

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 **24 October 2005**.

Under the VEA, the Authority is required to find out whether there is information available about how heart block (complete) may be suffered or contracted, or death from heart block (complete) may occur; and the extent to which heart block (complete) or death from heart block (complete) 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 **7 October 2005**.

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

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KEN DONALD  
CHAIRPERSON

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