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 investigations under section 196B(7) of the VEA to review the contents of Statements of Principles concerning the following:

Condition:	Instrument Nos.:
adjustment disorder	57 & 58 of 1996
alcohol dependence or alcohol abuse	76 & 77 of 1998
deep vein thrombosis	5 & 6 of 2001 as amended by 38 & 39 of 2004
drug dependence or drug abuse	78 & 79 of 1998
hepatitis B	11 & 12 of 1999
hepatitis C	43 & 44 of 1995, as amended by 9 & 10 of 1997
hepatitis D	45 & 46 of 1995
malignant neoplasm of the brain	17 & 18 of 2003
malignant neoplasm of the gallbladder	36 & 37 of 1999
malignant neoplasm of the liver	171 & 172 of 1996
panic disorder	9 & 10 of 1999, as amended by 58 & 59 of 1999
personality disorder	143 & 144 of 1995, as amended by 13 & 14 of 1997
schizophrenia	132 & 133 of 1996
smallpox	141 & 142 of 1995
suicide or attempted suicide	71 & 72 of 1996, as amended by 177 & 178 of 1996

The Authority invites the following persons and organisations to make written submissions to the Authority in respect of any of the investigations:

- a person eligible to make a claim for pension under Part II or Part IV of the Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986;
- a 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
- a person having expertise in a field relevant to the investigation.

The Authority will hold its first meeting for the purposes of each of these investigations on 2 April 2007.

Under the VEA, the Authority is required to find out whether there is new information available about how the above listed conditions may be suffered or contracted, or death from the above listed conditions may occur; and the extent to which the above listed conditions or death from the above listed conditions 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 23 March 2007.

The Common Seal of the)	
Repatriation Medical Authority)	
was affixed in the presence of)	
	KEN DONALD	
	CHAIRPERSON	30/10/06

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