



**Australian Government**  
**Repatriation Medical Authority**

**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, pursuant to ss.196B(7) of the VEA, as there are grounds for such a review it intends to carry out an investigation in respect of the following:

- a. **the latency period for the "paraquat poisoning" factors; and**
  - b. **smoking**
- as factors in **fibrosing interstitial lung disease.**

This investigation will be carried out in the context of Statements of Principles concerning **fibrosing interstitial lung disease** (Instrument Nos. 35 & 36 of 2009).

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

- 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 this investigation on **8 December 2009.**

Persons and organisations wishing to make a submission should obtain a copy of the *RMA Submission Guidelines* from the RMA website [[www.rma.gov.au](http://www.rma.gov.au)] or by contacting the RMA Secretariat at the address or telephone number below.

All submissions must be in writing and received by the Authority at the address below no later than **4 December 2009.**

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



KEN DONALD  
CHAIRPERSON

28/10/2009