

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.:
Otitis media	1 & 2 of 2003
Allergic rhinitis	3 & 4 of 2003
Malignant neoplasm of the stomach	7 & 8 of 2003
Mitral valve prolapse	11 & 12 of 2003
Atrial fibrillation	19 & 20 of 2003
Chronic fatigue syndrome	23 & 24 of 2003
Melioidosis	27 & 28 of 2003
Morbid obesity	31 & 32 of 2003
Restless legs syndrome	33 & 34 of 2003
Pleural plaque	51 & 52 of 2003
Malignant neoplasm of the colorectum	1 & 2 of 2004
Osteomyelitis	5 & 6 of 2004
Tinea of the skin	13 & 14 of 2004
Malignant neoplasm of the testis and paratesticular tissues	15 & 16 of 2004
Hiatus hernia	17 & 18 of 2004
Hodgkin's lymphoma	28 & 29 of 2004
Chronic bronchitis and emphysema	30 & 31 of 2004
Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease	34 & 35 of 2004
Malignant neoplasm of the small intestine	40 (as amended by 19 of 2010) & 41 of 2004
Malignant neoplasm of unknown primary site	44 & 45 of 2004
Malignant neoplasm of the salivary gland	46 & 47 of 2004
Leptospirosis	50 & 51 of 2004
Epicondylitis	52 & 53 of 2004
Cervical spondylosis	33 & 34 of 2005 (as amended by 76 & 77 of 2008)
Thoracic spondylosis	35 & 36 of 2005
Lumbar spondylosis	37 & 38 of 2005 (as amended by 78 & 79 of 2008 and 36 & 37 of 2010)
Solvent related chronic encephalopathy	39 & 40 of 2005
Peripheral neuropathy	41 & 42 of 2005
Sudden unexpected death	43 & 44 of 2005
Malignant neoplasm of the pancreas	45 & 46 of 2005

Condition:	Instrument Nos.:
Epileptic seizure	47 & 48 of 2005 (as amended by 37 & 38 of 2009)
Epilepsy	49 & 50 of 2005
Dermatomyositis	51 & 52 of 2005
Guillain-Barre syndrome	53 & 54 of 2005
Steatohepatitis	55 & 56 of 2005
Narcolepsy	57 & 58 of 2005
Malignant neoplasm of the larynx	1 & 2 of 2006
Heart block	3 & 4 of 2006
Spondylolisthesis & spondylolysis	5 & 6 of 2006 (as amended by 44 & 45 of 2010)
Malignant neoplasm of the thyroid gland	9 & 10 of 2006

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 **4 October 2011**.

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 a copy of the *RMA Submission Guidelines* from the RMA website [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 **30 September 2011**.

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

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