



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 subsection 196B(7A) of the VEA, as there are grounds for such a review it intends to carry out an investigation in respect of **smoking** as a factor in **fibrosing interstitial lung disease**.

This investigation will be carried out in the context of Statements of Principles Instrument Nos. 35 & 36 of 2009, as amended by Instrument Nos. 59 & 60 of 2010 and Instrument Nos. 79 & 80 of 2011, concerning **fibrosing interstitial lung disease**.

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 **6 December 2011**.

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 **2 December 2011**.

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



KEN DONALD
CHAIRPERSON

21/10/2011