



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 it intends to carry out an investigation pursuant to ss.196B(4) of the VEA to find out whether Statements of Principles may be determined in respect of **postconcussion syndrome**.

This investigation will be conducted in conjunction with the investigation in respect of **traumatic brain injury** advertised by the Authority in the Government Notices Gazette of 14 December 2011.

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

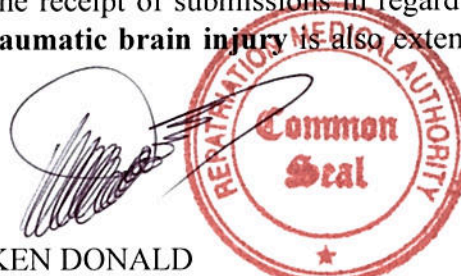
- any person eligible to make a claim for pension under Part II or Part IV of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*;
- any person eligible to make a claim for compensation under section 319 of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* (the MRCA);
- an organisation representing veterans, 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 **7 August 2012**.

Under the VEA, the Authority is required to find out whether there is information available about how **postconcussion syndrome** may be suffered or contracted, or death from **postconcussion syndrome** may occur; and the extent to which **postconcussion syndrome** or death from **postconcussion syndrome** 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 **3 August 2012**. The date for the receipt of submissions in regard to the earlier advertised investigation concerning **traumatic brain injury** is also extended to **3 August 2012**.

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



KEN DONALD
CHAIRPERSON 2/5/2012