



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 the following:

- a. extreme physical activity; and
- b. extreme cold,

as factors in ischaemic heart disease.

This investigation will be carried out in the context of Statements of Principles Instrument Nos. 89 & 90 of 2007, as amended by Instrument Nos. 43 & 44 of 2009, 96 & 97 of 2010 and 125 & 126 of 2011, concerning ischaemic heart 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, on 31 October 2012, gave notice under section 196G of the VEA that, pursuant to subsection 196B(7), it intended to carry out an investigation of all the contents of the existing Statements of Principles concerning ischaemic heart disease. That review is proceeding with the Authority due to hold its first meeting for the purposes of that investigation in April 2014.

It is anticipated that this focussed review will be completed before the conclusion of the full review.

The Authority will hold its first meeting for the purposes of this investigation on **2 December 2013**.

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 **15 November 2013**.

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

PROFESSOR NICHOLAS SAUNDERS AO
CHAIRPERSON 21/06/2013