



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, it intends to carry out an investigation in respect of the use of the terms:

- a. 'eyewitness'; and
- b. 'corpse' and 'casualty' in the plural,

in the definition of category 1B stressor in the following Statements of Principles:

Condition:	Instrument Nos.:
acute stress disorder	41 & 42 of 2014
adjustment disorder	23 & 24 of 2016
alcohol use disorder	48 & 49 of 2017
anxiety disorder	102 & 103 of 2014, as amended
cardiomyopathy	85 & 86 of 2015, as amended
cerebrovascular accident	65 of 2015, as amended
chronic multisymptom illness	55 of 2014
depressive disorder	83 & 84 of 2015, as amended
eating disorder	13 & 14 of 2016
female sexual dysfunction	95 & 96 of 2016
gastric ulcer and duodenal ulcer	61 of 2015, as amended
gingivitis	45 & 46 of 2013
inflammatory bowel disease	19 of 2012
ischaemic heart disease	1 & 2 of 2016, as amended
multiple sclerosis	100 & 101 of 2011, as amended
personality disorder	17 & 18 of 2018
posttraumatic stress disorder	82 & 83 of 2014
psoriasis	31 of 2012
schizophrenia	83 & 84 of 2016
substance use disorder	59 & 60 of 2017

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 VEA;
- 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 **7 August 2018**.

Persons and organisations wishing to make a submission can use the RMA website <http://www.rma.gov.au/investigations/> to electronically lodge the submission and supporting information. Alternatively, submissions can be sent by email to info@rma.gov.au or posted to the address below. The *RMA Submission Guidelines* are available online for guidance. The RMA Secretariat may be contacted at the address, telephone number or email address below for further assistance.

All submissions must be in writing and received by the Authority no later than **3 August 2018**.

The Common Seal of the
Repatriation Medical Authority)
was affixed at the direction of:)



PROFESSOR NICHOLAS SAUNDERS AO
CHAIRPERSON 22 / 6 / 2018