

Statement of Principles
concerning
MALIGNANT MELANOMA OF THE SKIN

ICD CODE: 172

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986
subsection 196B(2)

1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **malignant melanoma of the skin** and **death from malignant melanoma of the skin** can be related to operational service rendered by veterans, peacekeeping service rendered by members of Peacekeeping forces and hazardous service rendered by members of the Forces, the Repatriation Medical Authority determines, under subsection 196B(2) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, that the factors that must as a minimum exist before it can be said that a reasonable hypothesis has been raised connecting **malignant melanoma of the skin** or **death from malignant melanoma of the skin** with the circumstances of that service, are:
 - (a) suffering sunburn before the clinical onset of malignant melanoma of the skin; or
 - (b) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for malignant melanoma of the skin.
2. Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in paragraphs **1(a) to 1(b)** must be related to any service rendered by a person.
3. The factor set out in paragraph **1(b)** applies only where:

