# **Statement of Principles**

### concerning

# **MARFAN SYNDROME**

#### ICD CODE: 759.82

### Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 subsection 196B(2)

- 1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **Marfan syndrome and death from Marfan syndrome** 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 factor that must as a minimum exist before it can be said that a reasonable hypothesis has been raised connecting **Marfan syndrome or death from Marfan syndrome** with the circumstances of that service, is:
  - (a) pregnancy before or during the clinical worsening of Marfan syndrome; or
  - (b) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for the Marfan syndrome.
- 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:
  - (a) the person's **Marfan syndrome** was suffered prior to a period, or part of a period, of service to which the factor is related; and

- (b) the relationship suggested between the **Marfan syndrome** and the particular service of a person is a relationship set out in paragraph 8(1)(e), 9(1)(e), 70(5)(d), or 70(5A)(d) of the Act.
- 4. For the purposes of this Statement of Principles:

**"ICD code"** means a number assigned to a particular kind of injury or disease in the tenth edition of the *International Classification of Diseases* 9th Revision, effective date of 1 October 1993, copyrighted by the US Commission on Professional and Hospital Activities, and having the Library of Congress number 77-94472;

**"Marfan syndrome"** means a disorder of connective tissue characterised by long, thin extremities associated with other skeletal changes, reduced vision as a result of dislocation of the lenses and aortic aneurysms that typically begin at the base of the aorta, attracting ICD code 759.82.

Dated this	day of	1995
The Common Seal of the	)	
Repatriation Medical Authority	)	
was affixed to this instrument	)	

#### KEN DONALD CHAIRMAN

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in the presence of: