

REVOKED

Statement of Principles

concerning

MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OF THE PROSTATE

ICD CODE: 185

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986
subsection 196B(2)

1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **malignant neoplasm of the prostate** and **death from malignant neoplasm of the prostate** 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 neoplasm of the prostate** or **death from malignant neoplasm of the prostate** with the circumstances of that service, are:
 - (a) being exposed to herbicides in Vietnam; or
 - (b) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for the malignant neoplasm of the prostate.
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:
- (a) the person's **malignant neoplasm of the prostate** was contracted before a period, or part of a period, of service to which the factor is related; and
 - (b) the relationship suggested between the **malignant neoplasm of the prostate** 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;

“malignant neoplasm of the prostate” means a malignant neoplasm of the cells of the prostate gland, attracting ICD code 185;

“being exposed to herbicides in Vietnam” may be said to have occurred only if the person had, before the clinical onset of malignant neoplasm of the prostate:

- (a) rendered more than 30 days service on land in Vietnam; or
- (b) regularly eaten fish, fish products, crustaceans, shellfish or meat from Vietnam; or
- (c) regularly eaten food cooked with water from Vietnam discoloured by sediment, or regularly drunk water from Vietnam discoloured by sediment; or
- (d) regularly inhaled dust in a defoliated area in Vietnam or regularly inhaled herbicide fog in Vietnam; or
- (e) sprayed or decanted herbicides in Vietnam as an occupational requirement.

Dated this

day of

1995

The Common Seal of the)
Repatriation Medical Authority)
was affixed to this instrument)
in the presence of:)

KEN DONALD
CHAIRMAN