



Australian Government
Repatriation Medical Authority

NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION – CARDIOMYOPATHY – FOCUSED

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 it intends to carry out an investigation pursuant to subsections 196B(7) and 196B(7A) of the VEA in respect of "Infection with severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (COVID-19) as a possible causal factor for CARDIOMYOPATHY".

This investigation will be carried out in the context of Statements of Principles Instrument Nos. 57 and 58 of 2024 concerning cardiomyopathy.

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 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 this investigation on **4 February 2025**.

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 **28 January 2025**.

By and on behalf of
Repatriation Medical Authority.

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