

REPATRIATION MEDICAL AUTHORITY

INSTRUMENT NO. 121 OF 2007

VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS ACT 1986
MILITARY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION ACT 2004

EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR TABLING

1. The Repatriation Medical Authority (the Authority) has determined, under subsection 196B(2) & (8) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the VEA) the attached Instrument No. 121 of 2007.
2. This instrument amends the Statement of Principles concerning loss of teeth, Instrument No. 73 of 2007 by:
 - Revising the wording of factors 6(d) and 6(e); and
 - Inserting a definition for 'fracture of the affected tooth' in clause 9.
3. The Instrument specifies a date of effect for the Instrument in accordance with sub-section 12(1)(a) of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*.
4. Prior to determining this instrument, the Authority advertised its intention to undertake an investigation in relation to loss of teeth in the Government Notices Gazette of 12 September 2007, and circulated a copy of the notice of intention to investigate to a wide range of organisations representing veterans, service personnel and their dependants. The Authority invited submissions from the Repatriation Commission, organisations and persons referred to in section 196E of the VEA, and any person having expertise in the field. No submissions were received for consideration by the Authority during the investigation.
5. The determining of this new instrument finalises the investigation in relation to loss of teeth as advertised in the Government Notices Gazette of 12 September 2007.
6. A list of references relating to the above condition is available, on written request, from the Repatriation Medical Authority Secretariat.