



**Australian Government**  
**Repatriation Medical Authority**

Amendment Statement of Principles  
concerning

**OTITIC BAROTRAUMA**

**No. 15 of 2017**

for the purposes of the

*Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*  
and

*Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*

1. This Instrument may be cited as Amendment Statement of Principles concerning otitic barotrauma No. 15 of 2017.
2. The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(8) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, Statement of Principles concerning otitic barotrauma Instrument No. 35 of 2012, by:
  - (A) Replacing the definition of "a change in the ambient barometric pressure as specified" in clause 9 with the following:

**"a change in the ambient barometric pressure as specified"** means a significant and rapid reduction or increase in the pressure surrounding the person, including in such circumstances as:

    - (a) ascending from a submerged craft or device or a submarine escape training facility;
    - (b) decompression or compression in a hypobaric or hyperbaric chamber;
    - (c) flying;
    - (d) sky diving;
    - (e) underwater diving;
    - (f) working in a submarine; or
    - (g) working in a pressurised chamber or tunnel;'
3. The amendment made by this instrument applies to all matters to which Instrument No. 35 of 2012, section 120A of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* and section 338 of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* apply.
4. The amendment made by this instrument commences on 23 January 2017.

Dated this **twentieth** day of **December** 2016

The Common Seal of the )  
Repatriation Medical Authority )  
was affixed to this instrument )  
at the direction of: )



PROFESSOR NICHOLAS SAUNDERS AO  
CHAIRPERSON