



**Australian Government**  
**Specialist Medical Review Council**

8 July 2005

CDRE R N (Bob) Trotter  
National President  
Naval Association of Australia  
PO Box 711  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear CDRE Trotter

The Specialist Medical Review Council (the SMRC) has been asked under section 196Y of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the VEA) to review the contents of the Statements of Principles in respect of the following;

- **Neoplasm of the Pituitary Gland [NPG I]**, namely No 42 of 2004;
- **Malignant Neoplasm of the Small Intestine [MNSI II]**, namely Nos 40 & 41 of 2004;
- **Haemorrhoids [HAEMH II]**, namely Nos 26 & 27 of 2004;
- **Chronic Lymphoid Leukaemia [CLL II]**, namely Nos 9 & 10 of 2005;
- **Solar Keratosis [SOLARK I]**, namely Nos 7 & 8 of 2005.

For your information, we have enclosed further information regarding the particular reviews as well as copies of the Gazette notices pertaining to each review.

The Repatriation Medical Authority (the RMA) has forwarded to the Council all the information that was available (before) to the RMA when it determined, amended, or last amended the Statement of Principles concerning the above conditions. The SMRC, in accordance with Section 196ZD, on receipt of a request in writing provides reasonable access to the information submitted to it by the RMA.

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Convener: Dr Jonathan Phillips MB BS, FRANZCP

Address all Communications to: **The Registrar, SMRC, PO Box 895, Woden, ACT 2606**  
Tel: (03) 9284 6784 - Fax: (03) 9284 6780  
Email: [SMRC.registrar@dva.gov.au](mailto:SMRC.registrar@dva.gov.au)

Should you in accordance with Section 196ZA, intend to make written submissions to the SMRC about any information that was available to the RMA (as submitted by the RMA to the SMRC) and is relevant to the review, Section 196ZA (in part) states

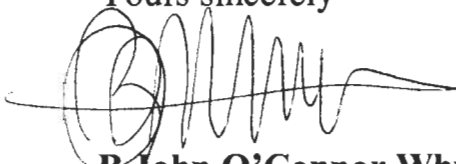
- (3) If an individual, the Commission, the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission or an organisation has made a written submission, the individual or his or her representative, or a representative of the relevant Commission or of the organisation may, subject to subsection (5), appear before the Review Council to make an oral submission complementing the written submission.
- (4) If the Review Council is carrying out a review under subsection 196W(6) at the request of an individual, the Commission, the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission or an organisation, the individual or his or her representative, or a representative of the relevant Commission or of the organisation may, subject to subsection (5), appear before the Review Council to make an oral submission complementing the written submission (if any) lodged under paragraph 196Z(2)(c).
- (5) A person or organisation may not be represented before the Review Council by a legal practitioner.
- (6) In this section, a reference to a submission does not include a submission on a legal matter.

It would assist the SMRC if any submissions you make contain an appraisal of the best evidence in the information before the RMA (and so before the SMRC) in favour of and against any propositions you make about any factors. Any submissions should make reference to the medical scientific evidence by reference to the results of the studies and the facts, and not only to the authors' opinions or interpretations of the data in the studies. It would also assist SMRC if:

When assessing the evidence in the information about causation you state how you believe that information meets epidemiological criteria, and you include how the information meets the reasonable hypothesis and or balance of probabilities tests.

If you have any information concerning any of these conditions that was not before the RMA, it should be sent to the RMA, not the SMRC.

Yours sincerely



**B. John O'Connor Whyte**

Acting Registrar

Encl.



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**Additional Information:**

Although the SMRC commences a review on the basis that its function is to review the whole of the contents of the Statement(s) of Principles, it may decide to limit its considerations to the particular factors contended for by the applicant and those making submissions to the SMRC, or any other factors considered by any Review Councillors to require consideration.

**Neoplasm of the Pituitary Gland [NPG I], namely No 42 of 2004;**

- *Applicant factor* - chemical and biological warfare
  - *Gazette Information* - Gazette Notice No. 25, 29 June 2005
    - *1<sup>st</sup> meeting* - for the purpose of the review will be held after 18<sup>th</sup> May 2005
    - *Submission date* - submission must be received by 7<sup>th</sup> October 2005
  - *Scheduled date for oral submission* - October, 2005.
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**Malignant Neoplasm of the Small Intestine [MNSI II], namely Nos 40 & 41 of 2004;**

- *Applicant factor* - 'long term gastro-intestinal tract pathology'
  - *Gazette Information* - Gazette Notice No. 25, 29 June 2005
    - *1<sup>st</sup> meeting* - for the purpose of the review will be held after 18<sup>th</sup> May 2005
    - *Submission date* - submission must be received by 7<sup>th</sup> October 2005
  - *Scheduled date for oral submission* - October, 2005.
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**Haemorrhoids [HAEMH II], namely Nos 26 & 27 of 2004;**

- *Applicant factor* - 'G' forces
- *Gazette Information* - Gazette Notice No. 25, 29 June 2005
  - *1<sup>st</sup> meeting* - for the purpose of the review will be held after 18<sup>th</sup> May 2005
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**Chronic Lymphoid Leukaemia [CLL II], namely Nos 9 & 10 of 2005;**

- *Applicant factors* – ‘B-Cell CLL’; and  
‘EMR, solvents, chemicals and dioxins’
  - *Gazette Information* - Gazette Notice No. 25, 29 June 2005
    - *1<sup>st</sup> meeting* - for the purpose of the review will be held after  
1<sup>st</sup> September 2005;
    - *Submission date* - submission must be received by 16<sup>th</sup> December 2005;
  - *Scheduled date for oral submission* – TBA.
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**Solar Keratosis [SOLARK I], namely Nos 7 & 8 of 2005;**

- *Applicant factor*– ‘skin damage, sun exposure on the skin and scalp’
  - *Gazette Information* - Gazette Notice No. 25, 29 June 2005
    - *1<sup>st</sup> meeting* - for the purpose of the review will be held after  
1<sup>st</sup> September 2005;
    - *Submission date* - submission must be received by 16<sup>th</sup> December 2005;
  - *Scheduled date for oral submission* – TBA.
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The location, date and time for the hearing of oral submissions meeting will be advised to the persons/organisations that have asked for the review and to those persons and organisations that make written submissions.

The SMRC’s decision (Declaration) in respect of the individual conditions will be notified in the Government Notices Gazette. The SMRC also provides a copy of the decision (Declaration and Reasons for Decision) to the person or organisation that asks for the review, the Commissions, the RMA, Peak Ex Service Organisations and ADF Member Organisations or in response to a request in writing to the SMRC.

Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Registrar, SMRC, John O’Connor Whyte.



# SPECIALIST MEDICAL REVIEW COUNCIL

*Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*

## Section 196ZB

### FURTHER NOTIFICATION OF INTENTION TO CARRY OUT A REVIEW

On the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2005 the Specialist Medical Review Council (the Council), having been asked under section 196Y of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act) to review the contents of Statement of Principles No. 42 of 2004 made by the Repatriation Medical Authority (the RMA) in respect of neoplasm of the pituitary gland, notified under section 196ZB of the Act its intention to carry out a review of all the information available to the RMA about neoplasm of the pituitary gland.

The previous Gazette Notice 20<sup>th</sup> April 2005 stated that written submissions must be received by the Council by 29<sup>th</sup> July 2005.

The Council gives notice under section 196ZB of the Act that it intends to carry out a review under section 196W of the Act of all the information available to the RMA when it determined, amended or last amended the Statements of Principles about neoplasm of the pituitary gland.

The following persons and organisations are invited to make written submissions to the Council:

- the Repatriation Commission;
- the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission;
- a person eligible to make a claim for a pension under Part II or IV of the VEA;
- a person eligible to make a claim for compensation under section 319 of the MRCA; and
- an organisation representing veterans, Australian mariners, members of the Forces, members of Peacekeeping Forces or their dependants.

This notice extends the period of time available for persons and organisations to make written submissions.

**Written submissions must be received by 7<sup>th</sup> October 2005.**

The Council will hold its first meeting for the purposes of this review after 18<sup>th</sup> May 2005. The location and time of that meeting will be advised to the persons/organisations that have asked for the review under section 196Y of the Act and to those persons and organisations that make written submissions.

Advice on the preparation of written submissions is available from the Specialist Medical Review Council Secretariat, PO Box 895, Woden, ACT 2606, telephone 03 9284 6784 or fax: 03 9284 6780. Submissions should be lodged with the Council Secretariat.

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The previous Gazette Notice 20<sup>th</sup> April 2005 stated that written submissions must be received by the Council by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2005.

The Council gives notice under section 196ZB of the Act that it intends to carry out a review under section 196W of the Act of all the information available to the RMA when it determined, amended or last amended the Statements of Principles about malignant neoplasm of the small intestine.

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The Council gives notice under section 196ZB of the Act that it intends to carry out a review under section 196W of the Act of all the information available to the RMA when it determined, amended or last amended the Statements of Principles about haemorrhoids.

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**Defence**

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**Written submissions must be received by 16<sup>th</sup> December 2005.**

The Council will hold its first meeting for the purposes of this review after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2005. The location, date and time of the meeting for the hearing of oral submissions complementing written submissions will be advised to the persons/organisations that have asked for the review under section 196Y of the Act and to those persons and organisations that make written submissions.

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The following persons or organisations are invited to make written submissions to the Council:

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