

Specialist Medical Review Council

Declarations

*Section 196W  
Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986*

**Re: The decision by the Repatriation Medical Authority not to make**

**Statements of Principles for “chemically-acquired brain injury caused by mefloquine, tafenoquine or primaquine”.**

Request for Review Declaration No. 34

1. In relation to the decision of the Repatriation Medical Authority (RMA) not to make Statements of Principles for **“chemically-acquired brain injury caused by mefloquine, tafenoquine or primaquine”** the Council under s.196W(5)(b) of the VEA,

DECLARES that it **was not satisfied** on the balance of probabilities that “chemically-acquired brain injury caused by mefloquine, tafenoquine or primaquine” is a particular kind of injury or disease within the meaning of the VEA and accordingly that the sound medical-scientific evidence available to the RMA is **insufficient** to justify the making of Statements of Principles in respect of “**chemically-acquired brain injury caused by mefloquine, tafenoquine or primaquine”**.

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| Jan Bowman  Registrar, SMRC  Dated this ***17th*** day of ***September 2018*** |
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