



Specialist Medical Review Council

Declarations

Section 196W

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986

**Re: Specialist Medical Review Council's review of the
decision of the Repatriation Medical Authority in respect to
Statements of Principles 50 and 51 of 2017 for rheumatoid arthritis.**

Request for Review Declaration No. 35

1. In relation to the RMA Statements of Principles **Nos. 50 and 51 of 2017 concerning rheumatoid arthritis** made under subsection 196B of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the VEA), the Council under subsection 196W(5) of the VEA:

DECLARES that there is **insufficient** sound medical-scientific evidence on which the RMA could have relied to amend the Statements of Principles to include factor(s) for:

- exposure to mineral oils containing PCBs or acute PCB exposure.

Lin Fritschi
Presiding Councillor

John Edwards
Councillor

Lyn March
Councillor

The Common Seal of the)
Specialist Medical Review)
Council was affixed by)
authority of the Council in)
the presence of:)



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Jan Bowman
Registrar, SMRC

Dated this **sixteenth** day of **October 2018**