



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

**NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION**

**Section 196G of the**

*Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*

The Repatriation Medical Authority (the Authority) gives notice under section 196G of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the VEA) that, pursuant to subsection 196B(7A) of the VEA, it intends to carry out an investigation in respect of the association between **infection with severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)**, which causes **coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)**, and the conditions in the following table:

Condition:	Instrument Nos.:
cerebrovascular accident	65 & 66 of 2015, as amended
Guillain-Barre syndrome	23 & 24 of 2018
ischaemic heart disease	1 & 2 of 2016, as amended

The Authority invites the following persons and organisations to make written submissions to the Authority in respect of any of the investigations:

- a person eligible to make a claim for pension under Part II or Part IV of the VEA;
- a person eligible to make a claim for compensation under section 319 of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* (the MRCA);
- an organisation representing veterans, Australian mariners, members of the Forces, members of the Peacekeeping Forces, members within the meaning of the MRCA, or their dependants;
- the Repatriation Commission or the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission; and
- a person having expertise in a field relevant to the investigation.

The Authority will hold its first meeting for the purposes of each of these investigations on **10 February 2021**.

Persons and organisations wishing to make a submission can use the RMA website <http://www.rma.gov.au/investigations/> to electronically lodge the submission and supporting information. Alternatively, submissions can be sent by email to [info@rma.gov.au](mailto:info@rma.gov.au) or posted to the address below. The *RMA Submission Guidelines* are available online for guidance. The RMA Secretariat may be contacted at the address, telephone number or email address below for further assistance.

All submissions must be in writing and received by the Authority no later than **1 February 2021**.

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Repatriation Medical Authority )  
was affixed at the direction of: )

PROFESSOR NICHOLAS SAUNDERS AO  
CHAIRPERSON 24 / 12 / 2020