

**SPECIALIST MEDICAL REVIEW COUNCIL**

**NOTIFICATION OF INTENTION TO CARRY OUT A REVIEW FOR HASHIMOTO THYROIDITIS**

***Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986***

**Section 196ZB**

The Specialist Medical Review Council (the Council) has been asked under section 196Y of the *Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act) to review some of the contents of Statements of Principles Nos. 01 and 02 of 2022 made by the Repatriation Medical Authority (the RMA) in respect of **hashimoto thyroiditis.**

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 in respect of **posttraumatic stress disorder** as a factor in **hashimoto thyroiditis**.

The following persons or 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 Act
* A person eligible to make a claim for compensation under section 319 of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*; and
* An organisation representing veterans, Australian Mariners, members of the Forces, members of Peacekeeping Forces or their dependants.

**Written submissions must be received by 27 November 2022.**

The Council will hold its first meeting for the purposes of this review after **27 November 2022**. 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 those persons and organisations that make written submissions.

For advice on the preparation of written submissions contact the Council Secretariat at [SMRC.Registrar@smrc.gov.au](mailto:SMRC.Registrar@smrc.gov.au), or via the website [www.smrc.gov.au](http://www.smrc.gov.au). Submissions should be lodged with the Council Secretariat, PO Box 965, Brisbane, QLD 4001 or [SMRC.Registrar@smrc.gov.au](mailto:SMRC.Registrar@smrc.gov.au)

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