



Specialist Medical Review Council

Declaration and Reasons for Decisions

Section 196W
Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986

**Re: Statements of Principles Nos. 01 and 02 of 2022,
in respect of Hashimoto thyroiditis**

Declaration No. 37

1. In relation to the RMA Statements of Principles **Nos. 01 and 02 of 2022** concerning **Hashimoto thyroiditis** made under subsections 196B of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the VEA), the Council under subsection 196W(5) of the VEA:

DECLARES that the sound medical-scientific evidence available to the RMA is insufficient to justify the amendment of:

(a) Statement of Principles No. 2 of 2022 to include the following factor(s):

posttraumatic stress disorder; and

(b) Factors 9(9) and 9(19) of Statement of Principles No. 1 of 2022 to replace 'having posttraumatic stress disorder at the *time of the*' with 'having posttraumatic stress disorder *before the*'.

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