



Specialist Medical Review Council

Declarations

Section 196W
Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986

**Re: Statements of Principles Nos. 22 & 23 of 2010
concerning Alzheimer-type Dementia**

Request for Review Declaration No. 21

1. In relation to the Repatriation Medical Authority (the RMA) Statement of Principles No. 22 of 2010 concerning Alzheimer-type dementia and death from Alzheimer-type dementia, made under subsection 196B (2) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the VEA), the Specialist Medical Review Council (the Council) under subsection 196W of the VEA:

DECLARES that it is of the view that there was **insufficient sound medical-scientific evidence** on which the RMA could have relied to amend the Statement of Principles to include a factor or factors for exposure to ionising radiation.

2. In relation to the RMA Statement of Principles No. 23 of 2010 concerning Alzheimer-type dementia and death from Alzheimer-type dementia, made under subsection 196B (3) of the VEA, the Council under subsection 196W of the VEA:

DECLARES that it is of the view that there was **insufficient sound medical-scientific evidence** on which the RMA could have relied to amend the Statement of Principles to include a factor or factors for exposure to ionising radiation.

3. The Council RECOMMENDS that the RMA conduct a new investigation to find out whether there is new information available about how Alzheimer-type dementia may be suffered or sustained, and in particular, whether exposure to ionising radiation, if found to exist in a particular case, could provide a link or element in a reasonable hypothesis connecting Alzheimer-type dementia or death from Alzheimer-type dementia to relevant service, and if so whether it is more probable than not.

Charles Guest
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Jan Bowman

Registrar, SMRC

Dated this **SIXTEENTH** day of **SEPTEMBER** 2013