



## Specialist Medical Review Council

### Declaration

*Section 196W  
Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*

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**Re: Statements of Principles No. 28 of  
2010 as amended by Statement of Principles  
No. 57 of 2014 and No. 86 of 2014; and  
Statement of Principles No. 29 of 2010  
as amended by Statement of Principles No. 87 of 2014  
in respect to non-Hodgkin's lymphoma**

Request for Review Declaration No. 26

1. In relation to the Repatriation Medical Authority (the RMA) Statement of Principles No. 28 of 2010 as amended by Statement of Principles No. 57 of 2014 and No. 86 of 2014 concerning non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and death from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, made under section 196B of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the VEA), the Specialist Medical Review Council (the Council) under subsection 196W(4) of the VEA:

DECLARES that there is sound medical-scientific evidence on which the RMA could have relied to justify an amendment to Statement of Principles No. No. 28 of 2010 as amended by Statement of Principles No. 57 of 2014 and No. 86 of 2014 to include a factor in that Statement of Principles for exposure to ionising radiation; and

DIRECTS the RMA to amend Statements of Principles No. 28 of 2010 as amended by Statement of Principles No. 57 of 2014 and No. 86 of 2014 by including the following factor:

having received a cumulative equivalent dose of at least 0.1 sievert of ionising radiation to the bone marrow at least five years before the clinical onset of Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

2. In relation to the RMA Statements of Principles No. 29 of 2010 as amended by Statement of Principles No. 87 of 2014 concerning non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and death from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma made under section 196B of 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 an amendment to the Statement of Principles No. 29 of 2010 as amended by Statement of Principles No. 87 of 2014 to include a factor or factors in that Statement of Principles for exposure to ionising radiation.

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Jan Bowman  
Registrar, SMRC

Dated this **Twenty Fourth** day of **April** 2015

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