1. The Repatriation Medical Authority (the Authority) has determined, under subsection 196B(8) of the Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986 (the VEA) the attached Instrument No. 10 of 2008.

2. This instrument amends Statement of Principles Instrument No. 12 of 2004 concerning diabetes mellitus, determined under subsection 196B(3) of the VEA, by:
   - deleting factors 5(a) and 5(u) concerning 'being infected with rubella virus or Coxsackie B virus'; and
   - deleting the definition of 'rubella virus' and 'Coxsackie B virus' in clause 8.

3. The Instrument specifies a date of effect for the Instrument in accordance with sub-section 12(1)(a) of the Legislative Instruments Act 2003.

4. Prior to determining this instrument, the Authority advertised its intention to undertake an investigation in relation to diabetes mellitus in the Government Notices Gazette of 2 May 2007, and circulated a copy of the notice of intention to investigate to a wide range of organisations representing veterans, service personnel and their dependants. The Authority invited submissions from the Repatriation Commission, organisations and persons referred to in section 196E of the VEA, and any person having expertise in the field. No submissions were received for consideration by the Authority during the investigation.

5. On 27 August 2007, the Authority wrote to organisations representing veterans, service personnel and their dependants regarding the proposed Instrument and the medical-scientific material considered by the Authority. This letter emphasised the deletion of factors relating to "being infected with rubella virus or Coxsackie B virus" from the balance of probabilities Statement of Principles. The Authority provided an opportunity to the organisations to make representations in relation to the proposed instrument prior to its determination. No additional submissions were received for consideration by the Authority.

7. A list of references relating to the above condition is available, on written request, from the Repatriation Medical Authority Secretariat.