REPATRIATION MEDICAL AUTHORITY

INSTRUMENT NO. 93 OF 2011

VETERANS’ ENTITLEMENTS ACT 1986
MILITARY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION ACT 2004

EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR TABLING

1. The Repatriation Medical Authority (the Authority) has determined, under subsection 196B(2) & (8) of the Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986 (the VEA) Statement of Principles Instrument No. 93 of 2011.

2. This Instrument amends Statement of Principles Instrument No. 15 of 2009 concerning schizophrenia by:
   - Deleting existing factor 6(i) concerning 'therapeutic radiation';
   - Deleting existing factor 6(j) concerning 'atomic radiation';
   - Re-numbering existing factors "(k)" to "(u)" in clause 6 as "(i)" to "(s)" respectively;
   - Replacing "6(k) to 6(u)" in clause 7 with "6(i) to 6(s)"; and
   - Deleting the definitions of 'a course of therapeutic radiation', 'atomic radiation' and 'cumulative equivalent dose' from clause 9.

3. This Instrument also specifies a date of effect for the amendment in accordance with subsection 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 schizophrenia in the Government Notices Gazettes of 1 September 2010 and 3 November 2010, 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 7 April 2011, 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 ionising radiation. The Authority provided an opportunity to the organisations to make representations in relation to the proposed Instrument prior to its determination. No submissions were received for consideration by the Authority.

6. The determining of this Instrument finalises the investigation in relation to schizophrenia as advertised in the Government Notices Gazette of 1 September 2010 and 3 November 2010.

7. A list of references relating to the above condition is available to any person or organisation referred to in subsection 196E(1)(a) to (c) of the VEA. Any such request must be made in writing to the Repatriation Medical Authority at the following address:

   The Registrar  
   Repatriation Medical Authority Secretariat  
   GPO Box 1014  
   BRISBANE QLD 4001