



## Specialist Medical Review Council

### Declaration

*Section 196W  
Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*

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**Re: Statement of Principles No. 67 of 2002  
In Respect of Osteoporosis  
Matter No. 2003/1  
Requests for Review Declaration No. 11**

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- 1 In relation to the Repatriation Medical Authority (the RMA) Statement of Principles No. 67 of 2002 in respect of osteoporosis and death from osteoporosis, made under subsection 196B (2) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the VEA), the Specialist Medical Review Council (the Council) declares under subsection 196W (4) of the VEA, that it is of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence on which the RMA could have relied to amend Statement of Principles No. 67 of 2002.
- 2 The Council accordingly directs the RMA to amend Statement of Principles No. 67 of 2002 in accordance with the following directions;
  - a) delete paragraph 5 (p) and replace it with :

having an altered dietary pattern resulting in a decrease in average daily calcium intake to 400mg/day or less, for a period of 2 years before age 20 years, or for a period of 7 years after that age, or the equivalent combination thereof, before the clinical onset of osteoporosis; or
  - b) delete paragraph 5 (zf) and replace it with:

having an altered dietary pattern resulting in a decrease in average daily calcium intake to 400mg/day or less, for a period of 2 years before age 20 years, or for a period of 7 years after that

age, or the equivalent combination thereof, before the clinical worsening of osteoporosis; or

- c) amend the 'Other Definitions' in paragraph 8 by including:

**"or the equivalent combination"** in paragraphs 5 (p) and 5 (zf) means:


a calculation where one year of exposure before age 20 years is equivalent to 3.5 years of exposure after age 20.

- d) delete paragraph 2 (b) (i) and replace it with:

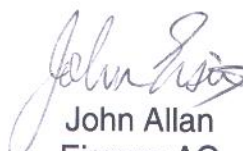
bone mineral density is more than 2.5 standard deviations below the mean bone mineral density of young adult sex-matched controls.

  
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