



Specialist Medical Review Council

Declarations

Section 196W  
Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986

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**Re: Statements of Principles Nos. 352 of 1995  
Osteoarthritis  
Matter No. 96/1  
Request for review No 3**

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1. In relation to the Repatriation Medical Authority Statement of Principles, Instrument No. 352 of 1995 concerning osteoarthritis, made under subsection 196B(2) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act), the Specialist Medical Review Council (the Council) declares, under subsection 196W(5) of the Act, that:

(a) the Council recommends that the Repatriation Medical Authority reconsider the effects of "repetitive micro-trauma" as a factor having regard to the Reasons for Decisions of the Council, the information that was available to the Repatriation Medical Authority when it made that Statement of Principles, together with any further information that may arise from any later studies relating to osteoarthritis; and

(b) the Council is of the view that there is no sound medical-scientific evidence that justifies any other amendment of that Statement of Principles.

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