



## Specialist Medical Review Council

### Declaration

*Section 196W*

*Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*

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**Re: Statements of Principles**

**Nos. 89 & 90 of 2011 (Diabetes Mellitus)**

Request for Review Declaration No. 24

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In relation to the Repatriation Medical Authority (the RMA) Statements of Principles Nos. 89 and 90 of 2011 concerning diabetes mellitus, made under subsections 196B (2) and (3) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the VEA), the Specialist Medical Review Council (the Council) under subsection 196W of the VEA:

DECLARES that it is of the view that the sound medical-scientific evidence on which the RMA could have relied to amend either of the Statements of Principles is **insufficient** to include a factor or factors for

having been on board a vessel and having been exposed to dioxin diluted in water supplied on that vessel, including but not limited to consuming potable water, when the supply had been produced by evaporative distillation of estuarine Vietnamese waters.

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Jan Bowman

Registrar, SMRC

Dated this **TWELFTH** day of **MAY** 2014

The Council's Reasons for Decision in relation to this Declaration can be obtained from its website at [www.smrc.gov.au](http://www.smrc.gov.au) or on request by writing to the Specialist Medical Review Council Secretariat, PO Box 895, Woden ACT 2606 or by telephoning (07) 3223 8420.