



Specialist Medical Review Council

Declarations

*Section 196W
Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*

**Re: Statement of Principles No. 72 of 1999
In Respect of Myeloma**
Matter No. 2002/1
Requests for Review Declaration No 7

In relation to the Repatriation Medical Authority (the RMA) Statement of Principles No. 72 of 1999 in respect of myeloma and death from myeloma, made under subsection 196B(2) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the VEA), the Specialist Medical Review Council (the Council) declares, under subsection 196W(5) of the Act, that it is of the view that the sound medical-scientific evidence available to the RMA at the time it determined, amended, or last amended that Statement of Principles was insufficient to justify:

- (a) an amendment of the Statement of Principles to include as a factor or factors:
 - (i) parasitic diseases, including malaria;
 - (ii) antigenic stimulation; or
 - (iii) parasitic disease, including malaria, precipitating antigenic stimulation; and
- (b) any other amendment of the Statement of Principles.

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Kevin O'Sullivan

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Registrar

Dated this *7th* day of *February* 200*2* ^{*3*} *[Signature]*

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