



## Specialist Medical Review Council

### Declaration

*Section 196W  
Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*

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**Re: Statements of Principles Nos. 28 and 29 of 2005  
In Respect of Malignant Neoplasm of the Prostate**  
Matter Nos. 2011/3 & 4  
Requests for Review Declaration No. 17

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1. In relation to the Repatriation Medical Authority (the RMA) Statement of Principles No. 28 of 2005 in respect of malignant neoplasm of the prostate and death from malignant neoplasm of the prostate, made under subsection 196B(2) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the VEA), the Specialist Medical Review Council (the Council) under subsection 196W of the VEA:

DECLARES that there is sound medical-scientific evidence on which the RMA could have relied to amend the Statement of Principles to include the factor set out below;

DIRECTS the RMA to amend Statement of Principles No 28 of 2005 by including the following factors in respect of active tobacco smoking:

For current smokers only smoking at least 40 pack years of cigarettes or the equivalent thereof in other tobacco products before the clinical onset of malignant neoplasm of the prostate.

and

Smoking at least 15 pack years of cigarettes or the equivalent thereof in other tobacco products before the clinical worsening of malignant neoplasm of the prostate, and where smoking has ceased, the clinical worsening has occurred within 10 years of cessation.





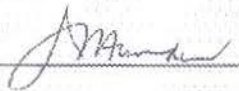
2. In relation to the RMA Statement of Principles No. 29 of 2005 in respect of malignant neoplasm of the prostate and death from malignant neoplasm of the prostate, made under subsection 196B(3) of the VEA the Council under subsection 196W of the VEA:

DECLARES that there is sound medical-scientific evidence on which the RMA could have relied to amend the Statement of Principles to include the factor set out below;

DIRECTS the RMA to amend Statement of Principles No 29 of 2005 by including the following factor in respect of active tobacco smoking:

Smoking at least 40 pack years of cigarettes or the equivalent thereof in other tobacco products before the clinical worsening of malignant neoplasm of the prostate, and where smoking has ceased, the clinical worsening has occurred within 10 years of cessation.

DECLARES that the sound medical-scientific evidence available to the RMA is insufficient to justify any amendment to the Statement of Principles to include as factors exposure to Potable water or any other factor.

				
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