



Australian Government
Repatriation Medical Authority

DECLARATION UNDER SUBSECTION 196B(6)

OF THE *VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS ACT 1986*

The Repatriation Medical Authority (the Authority), under subsection 196B(6) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act), makes the following declaration in respect of the investigation concerning **xerostomia** notified in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette of **13 March 2018**.

The Authority is of the view that xerostomia is a sign or symptom of other diseases or exposures, rather than a disease in its own right. The Authority declares that it does not propose to make a Statement of Principles concerning xerostomia, for the purposes of subsection 196B(2) or (3) of the Act, for the reason that the Authority formed the view that xerostomia is not a "disease" as defined in section 5D of the Act.

The Common Seal of the)
Repatriation Medical Authority)
was affixed at the direction of:)

PROFESSOR NICHOLAS SAUNDERS AO
CHAIRPERSON 26 / 10 / 2018