



## Specialist Medical Review Council

### Declaration

Section 196W  
*Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*

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**Re: Statements of Principles Nos. 35 and 36 of 2003  
In Respect of Hypertension**

Matter Nos. 2005/1 & 2  
Requests for Review Declaration No. 11


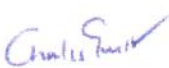
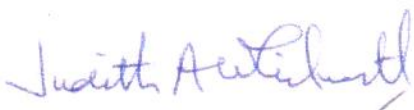

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- 1 In relation to the Repatriation Medical Authority (the RMA) Statement of Principles No. 35 of 2003 in respect of hypertension and death from hypertension, made under subsection 196B(2) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the VEA), the Specialist Medical Review Council (the Council) declares under subsection 196W(5) of the VEA, that it is of the view that the sound medical-scientific evidence available to the RMA is insufficient to justify an amendment of the Statement of Principles to include as a factor exposure to:  

'occupational or work related stress consequent upon working in a high demand, low decision making or control job' or 'job strain'.
  
- 2 In relation to the Repatriation Medical Authority (the RMA) Statement of Principles No. 36 of 2003 in respect of hypertension and death from hypertension, made under subsection 196B(3) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the VEA), the Specialist Medical Review Council (the Council) declares under subsection 196W(5) of the VEA, that it is of the

view that the sound medical-scientific evidence available to the RMA is insufficient to justify an amendment of the Statement of Principles to include as a factor exposure to:

'occupational or work related stress consequent upon working in a high demand, low decision making or control job' or 'job strain'.

				
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