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CLARIFICATION OF RSL SUPPORT

RSL investigates Mefloquine issue

Canberra, ACT, December 18, 2015– The Returned & Services League of Australia (RSL) is sympathetic to the issues being experienced by veterans that took the anti-malaria drug Mefloquine.

“The RSL is working with the Mefloquine Veteran Group to investigate the issue and undertaking a review of the current medical and scientific evidence to see what future research may be conducted”, says National President, Rear Admiral Ken Doolan AO RAN (Retired).

At this point we are in very early discussions with the Repatriation Medical Authority, the Australian Medical Association, Australian Defence Force and Department of Veterans Affairs. The resolution of this drug's side effects and its potential withdrawal as a first line prophylactic anti-malarial treatment will take some time to complete its bureaucratic cycle.

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