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Mr Daryl W James  
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REDACTED VIC 3085

Dear Mr James,

I refer to your claim for liability in respect of psychiatric condition lodged on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

**DECISION - Liability**

I have rejected your claim for liability due to the fact that it does not meet the requirements under Section 333 pursuant to Section 23(1), of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* (MRCA), for:

• **BIPOLAR I DISORDER**

Please refer to the enclosed "Reasons for Decision" for a detailed explanation of the decision making process for this condition.

**Right of Appeal**

If you are not satisfied with any part of my above decisions, you may:

1. Request that the Veterans' Review Board (VRB) review your case. Your application for review must be in writing, set out the reasons for the request and must be sent to the Department of Veterans' Affairs within 12 months of receipt of this letter;

Or

2. Request that the Military Rehabilitation & Compensation Commission (MRCC) reconsider this decision. Your request must be made in writing, set out the reasons for the request and must be made no more than 30 days after the receipt of this decision.

**Please note that you cannot request both a VRB review and MRCC reconsideration.**

If there is anything you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me on REDACTED REDACTED. Country and interstate residents can ring the toll free number 1300 131 945, select the prompt for Victoria and ask for me.

Yours sincerely,

Donna Takle

Delegate of the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission **Enclosures:**

1. DVA FACTS sheet - "Reconsideration and Review Decisions"