

## Right to Information Application (RTI 1679) – Decisions made to issue or vary Border Restrictions Directions

### Scope of application

1. Any briefing notes, memorandums, formal correspondence and email advice to the Director-General of Queensland Health, the Health Minister, the Chief Health Officer and / or the Premier of Queensland which provide the rationale for the Chief Health Officer's decisions to:

- (a) issue Border restrictions Direction;
- (b) issue Border restrictions Direction (No 3);
- (c) issue Border restrictions Direction (No 5);
- (d) not revoke or vary Border restrictions Direction (No 5); and
- (e) not revoke or vary Border restrictions Direction (No 5) (the Decisions).

2. The minutes of any meetings at which the Chief Health Officer made the Decisions (but not the documents tabled at those meetings).

### Important information

Our priority is, and will always be, the health and safety of Queenslanders.

When putting in place directions or other measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Chief Health Officer has access to a range of expertise. These include: experienced staff such as clinicians, public health specialists, environmental health scientists, epidemiologists and policy advisors (both within and external to Queensland Health); and the advice of the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and Communicable Diseases Network of Australia (CDNA).

A range of issues are considered before any border restrictions may need to be put in place. These include:

- the number and nature of new cases in any state or local government area,
- the amount of testing, including wastewater testing, being undertaken,
- the restrictions in place in that state at the time,
- the restrictions in place in Queensland at the time, and
- information provided by that state's public health officials, including internal travel restrictions they may put in place to help manage any outbreak

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Most importantly we have placed restrictions at our domestic border as there is sustained community transmission in Sydney and to a lesser extent Melbourne. Police are enforcing the border restrictions including helicopter support. This will make the biggest difference to Queensland. The international and now domestic borders are where we are getting our cases. National Cabinet is meeting regularly to decide additional restrictions

I hope this provides you some reassurance. Please let me know if you have any other concerns

It is vital we all work together to reassure our community because the actions we are asking them to take are draconian and extremely disruptive to their lives. This is going to continue for six months at least.

Best wishes and thank you for your advocacy  
Jeannette

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That is a great process thank you

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To whom it may concern

**Queensland Exempt Person – Critical Resources Sector Employee**

Further to the Direction titled Border restrictions (No. 2) issued by the Chief Health Officer (Queensland) pursuant to section 362B of the *Public Health Act 2005*, this letter issued by «Personnel\_First\_Name» «Personnel\_Last\_Name» holds the position of Choose an item.under the Choose an item.and is an Exempt Person in accordance with the Direction.

In accordance with the Direction «Personnel\_First\_Name» «Personnel\_Last\_Name» is essential to operations, must undertake time-critical work and must work on-site to conduct «Defined\_Activity» at «Company\_Facility».

They will be travelling to this facility on «Date\_of\_Travel\_to» and from this facility on «Date\_of\_Travel\_Return».

All personnel undertaking essential travel have been instructed to travel via the most direct route to and from «Company\_Facility».

All «Company\_Name» personnel undertaking essential travel have been instructed that they must fully comply with our COVID-19 management protocols as a mandatory precondition for exemption.

Should further clarification of «Personnel\_First\_Name» «Personnel\_Last\_Name»'s Exempt Person status be required, please contact «Company\_Contact\_Person» on «Company\_Contact\_Person\_Tel».

Yours sincerely

«Company\_Representative»  
«Role»

[Title] [Firstname] [Lastname]  
[Address]

To whom it may concern.

### **Critical resources sector employee exemption**

The Chief Health Officer issued the Public Health Direction – Border Restrictions (No. 2) on 31 March 2020. The Direction applies to all people arriving in Queensland from another State or Territory of Australia unless they are an **exempt person**.

**This letter is evidence that the holder of this letter has been approved by the Chief Health Officer as a *Critical resources sector employee*.**

This letter further confirms that the holder of this letter has satisfied the requirements to be an exempt person under the *Public Health Direction – Border Restrictions (No. 2)* by providing the following information upon arrival:

- the name and address of their employee;
- evidence they are a fly in fly out worker;
- evidence that they are entering Queensland to go directly to work;
- evidence of the location of the worksite or work camp; and
- evidence that they are a critical resources sector employee.

This approval remains in force until it is revoked or the Public Health Direction – Border Restrictions is revoked or amended in a way that renders this approval obsolete.

Should you have any further enquiries, please contact XXXXX on telephone [number, use (07) only if replying outside QLD].

Yours faithfully,

**Dr Jeanette Young**  
**Chief Health Officer**

## Restrictions on FIFO travel into Queensland

From midnight, Saturday 4 April 2020, Queensland will close its borders to all non-critical resource sector FIFO workers to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

This guide outlines the process for preparing and lodging an application for your workers to be considered as exempt critical resources sector employees.

### Exempt critical resources employee

As per the [Border Restriction Direction](#) issued by the Chief Health Officer, an **exempt critical resources sector employee** means a person that satisfies one of the following criteria:

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#### 1. Statutory employees

To be considered a statutory employee, the person is required:

- to be appointed under the *Coal Mining Safety and Health Act 1999*, the *Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Act 1999* or the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004*  
and  
in a position included in the [list of statutory positions \(critical resources sector employees\)](#) list.

#### 2 - Critical resources sector workers

Some workers perform critical functions which require significant experience and expertise. These functions are not suitable for temporary workers. In these instances it is necessary to allow these employees to enter Queensland.

Interstate resources sector workers are considered 'critical resources sector employees' if they cannot work remotely (from an interstate location), cannot be replaced by local workforce, and:

- are essential to the safety of the workforce  
or
- are essential to operations  
or
- their absence from the site would result in a significant impact to production  
or
- must undertake time-critical work.

Examples of critical resources sector employee exemptions:

- Workplace health and safety officers
- Workers required to conduct safety maintenance and safety compliance activities
- Workers involved in the implementation of an emergency response
- Workers employed in the technical operation, maintenance and repair of plant and infrastructure, essential construction and repairs, warehousing and logistics, and specialist technicians (e.g. electrical specialists to run power stations)



- nursing/medical service workers.

### Application process

The exempt critical employees flowchart (PDF, KB) summarises the application process. Please note the following.

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- If you hold a statutory position included in the [critical resources sector employees](#) list you do not need to apply. Your employer will identify your position, and provide you with a letter confirming you as an exempt critical resources sector worker. This letter can be presented to border authorities when entering Queensland
- Resource companies need to identify their critical resources sector workers that they would like to be considered as exempt, and then follow the process below:

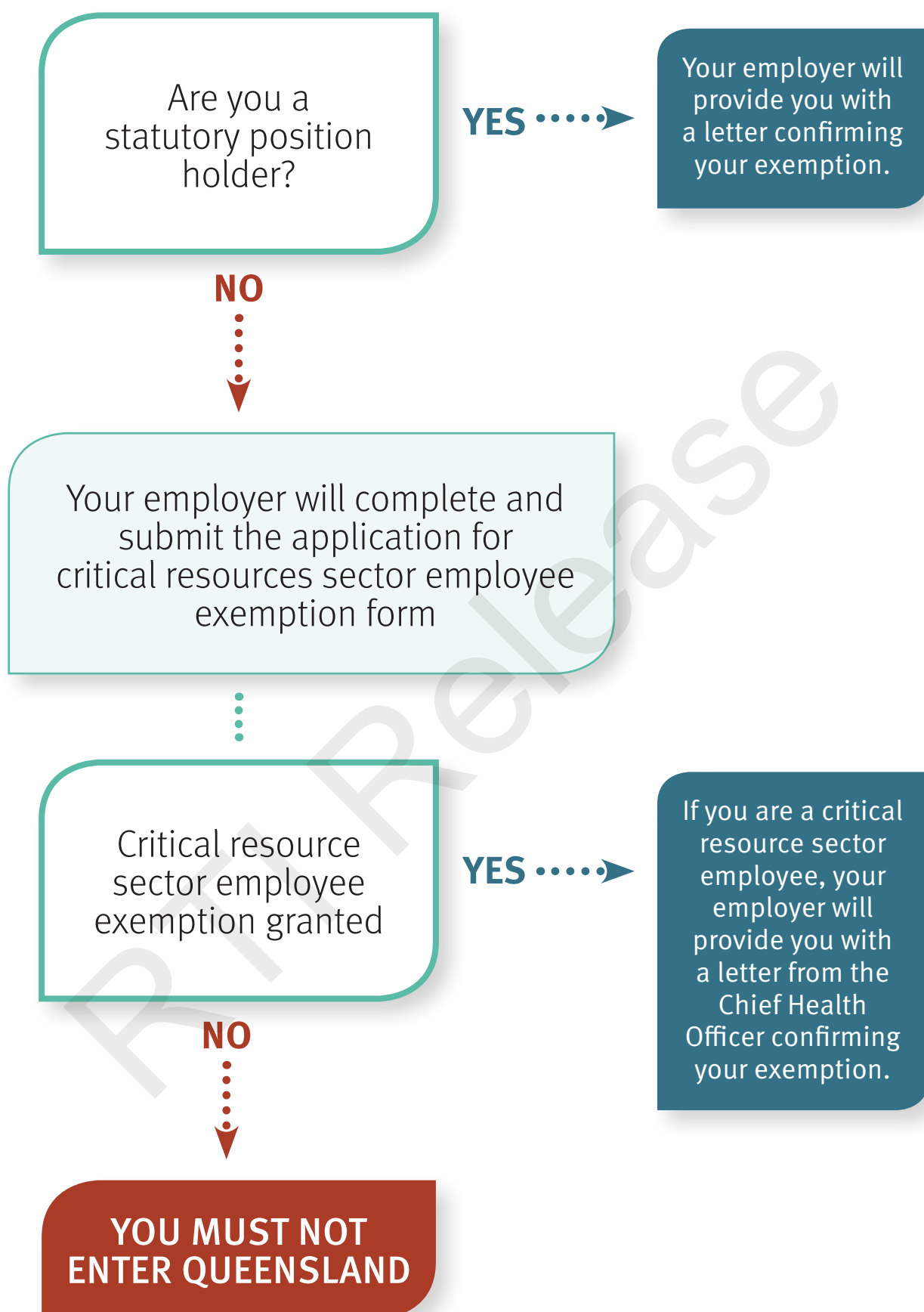
To apply for a critical resources sector employee exemption:

1. Complete the Application for critical resources sector employee exemption(PDF, KB).
2. Email your application and supporting documentation to [RSandP@dnrme.qld.gov.au](mailto:RSandP@dnrme.qld.gov.au) inbox.
3. Your application will be assessed against the criteria outlined above.
4. If approval is given, a letter will be sent to the company advising that the employee/s have qualified for exemption.
5. The company will provide a copy of the letter to the relevant worker. This letter can be presented to border authorities when entering Queensland.

Ensure that you are aware of your requirements to protect the health of your workers as detailed by [Queensland Health](#).

### Contact us

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I have spoken to David Harmer about two changes I would like

1. That if someone has done quarantine in another state or territory of Australia there is no need to repeat it if they went immediately from the quarantine site to Queensland without interacting with the community in the other state or territory
2. I do not believe we should exempt people from interstate being able to attend a wedding without going through quarantine. I am ok with exempting people from attending a funeral being required to go through quarantine.

Otherwise they are all fine. In fact a brilliant piece of work.

Thank you  
Jeannette

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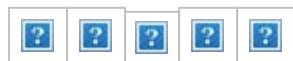
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# Fact sheet: Queensland border restrictions – what it means for business and industry?

To slow the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the Queensland Government is tightening restricted entry into Queensland from 12:01am on Friday, 3 April 2020.

These restrictions continue to provide for the continuation of essential goods and services for Queenslanders.

Anyone who is not a Queensland resident or considered an 'exempt person' (as defined by the Directive) who arrives in Queensland by land, sea or air from another State or Territory from 12.01 am on 3 April 2020 will not be allowed to enter Queensland.

. If you meet the criteria for an 'exempt person' (see below for more details – 'Who is an exempt person?'), then please consider applying online for a Queensland Entry Pass to avoid delays at the border.

These restrictions replaced the previous arrangements which allowed people to cross the border provided they self-quarantine for 14 days.

Any person who is ordinarily a resident in Queensland is an exempt person.

However, in some circumstances even Queensland residents returning to Queensland will still be required to self-quarantine for a period of 14 days. This includes residents who:

- have been outside the border of Australia in the last 14 days; or
- have travelled in the last 14 days to a COVID-19 hotspot in Australia. COVID-19 hotspots will be decided by the Chief Health Officer and published on the Queensland Health website.

Additional restrictions also will be in place for FIFO workers who live interstate and work in Queensland from 11.59pm Saturday 4 April 2020. From that time, only critical resource sector employees will be allowed to enter Queensland from interstate to their work. These are employees critical to the ongoing operation of a resource activity or the resource supply chain and will be detailed on the QH website.

## Who is an exempt person?

Those living outside of Qld who provide critical services to Qld:

- national/state security
- essential health services
- emergency services
- transport of goods or freight including food
- critical construction, maintenance and/or repair to critical infrastructure in Qld
- construction, mining/energy/agribusinesses (and see below for specific requirements for FIFO workers in these sectors)
- Any person who in performing their duties is responsible for provision of services for local passenger transport including bus services, taxi and ride share services, transport or freight is covered
- federal, state or local government employee worker or contractor who is required to enter Queensland to perform official duties.

Qld also allows a general compassionate grounds exemption, as well as specific exemptions for those living

outside of Qld who:

- are carers/relatives of dependant individuals in Qld
- need to obtain essential medical treatment including visiting terminally ill relatives in Qld
- are interstate boarding school students where school is closed
- are required to comply with the law to travel to Qld (for example, Family Court, parole/bail conditions etc).

## Special exemptions for border communities – New South Wales, South Australia and the Northern Territory

- To reflect the unique nature of our border, people who live interstate near the border but work in Qld will be able to continue to travel for that purpose. This is not restricted to work relating to essential services.
- The exemption only applies if the person does not propose to stay in Qld for longer than reasonably necessary to attend work.
- The exemption also applies when people living in these border communities travel interstate to obtain essential goods and services, including to attend school or child care or obtain medical or other essential services and for other permitted purposes (for full list of permitted purposes see the Direction [\[insert link\]](#)).

## Exemptions for FIFO worker

A person who lives interstate and works in Queensland in the construction, commercial fishing, manufacturing, resources sector, energy or agribusiness industry is still allowed to travel to Queensland to work without having to undertake self-quarantine provided their employer has provided a compliant plan to manage preventing the transmission of COVID-19 among its employees and the community.

However, additional restrictions will be in place for FIFO workers in the resource sector who live interstate and work in Queensland from 11.59pm Saturday 4 April 2020. From that time, only critical resource sector employees will be allowed to enter Queensland from interstate to work. These are employees critical to the ongoing operation of a resource activity or the resource supply chain which are detailed on the Queensland Health website.

FIFO workers who live and work in Queensland can continue to work in any FIFO roles in Queensland. Additional restrictions about overseas travel or hotspots continue to apply to interstate and Queensland FIFOs.

The companies they work for in Queensland will also have to provide a health plan that complies with requirements set by the Chief Health Officer that ensures adequate hygiene and safety requirements to limit the transmission of COVID19.

For Queensland residents who perform FIFO work for a company interstate, that company does not have to comply with a health plan set by Chief Health Officer. However if the FIFO work is in a hotspot declared by Chief Health Officer, the person must self-quarantine on return to Queensland from that.

Whether the FIFO worker comes from interstate or within Qld, they will be required to provide evidence that they are FIFO workers, who they are working for, and that they are entering Qld to go directly to work.

The companies they work for in Queensland will also have to provide a health plan that complies with requirements set by the Chief Health Officer that ensures adequate hygiene and safety requirements to limit the transmission of COVID19.

[Access the template Health Plan.](#)

## Will freight and equipment be able to cross the border into Queensland?

Freight and logistics for any goods into Queensland from interstate is still permitted, including retail goods for pharmacies, grocery stores and petrol stations, on the condition that the person must practise social distancing wherever possible, including maintaining a distance of at least 1.5 metres where reasonably practicable and remain isolated in their vehicle or accommodation.

## How will the measures be enforced?

Qld police and other emergency officers under the Public Health Act 2005 will be responsible for enforcing the measures. Other Commonwealth officers may also be involved.

Specific processes apply for those entering through airports, who will be required to provide certain information including:

- Personal and contact details
- The address where they intend to stay in Queensland
- Information about where they have travelled in the last 30 days

If a person is entering Queensland from another State or Territory by air in order to transfer to another flight they are allowed to enter Queensland, but must remain in the airport until the time of a transfer to another flight, or self-quarantine in a hotel until the other flight.

In addition to these special requirements for airports, enforcement of these restrictions will apply to roads, rail and sea ports.

If a person fails to comply with the direction/s, an emergency officer may use reasonable force to enforce the direction.

If the person does not comply with the quarantine directions, penalties will apply: \$13,345 for individuals and \$66,672.50 for corporations. It is possible the enforcement officer can issue on the spot tickets of \$1334.50 or \$6,672.50 for corporations.

For more information visit [www.qld.gov.au/](http://www.qld.gov.au/).

# Direction from Chief Health Officer in accordance with emergency powers arising from the declared public health emergency

## Border restrictions (No.3)

*Public Health Act 2005* (Qld)

Section 362B

On 29 January 2020, under the *Public Health Act 2005*, the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services made an order (Order) declaring a public health emergency in relation to coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The public health emergency area specified in the Order is for 'all of Queensland'. Its duration has been extended by regulation to 19 May 2020 and may be further extended.

Further to this declaration, I, Dr Jeannette Young, Chief Health Officer, reasonably believe it is necessary to give the following directions pursuant to the powers under s362B of the *Public Health Act 2005* to assist in containing, or to respond to, the spread of COVID-19 within the community.

### Guidance

For the purpose of these directions, all travellers to Queensland including returning residents and workers should practice social distancing and risk mitigation measures such as remaining 1.5 metres away from other persons, regular washing of hands, and limiting travel outside of the home or place of accommodation and work except for the purpose of purchasing food or other necessities.

This direction is to be read in conjunction with all other Public Health Directions.

This Public Health Direction may be referred to as the Public Health Direction – Border Restrictions (No.3).

### Preamble

This Public Health Direction replaces the Public Health Direction – Border Restrictions (No.2) given on 31 March 2020.

## PART 1 — QUARANTINE FOR TRAVELLERS

### Directions

1. The directions in paragraphs 23 and 24(e) and definition of critical resources sector employee apply from 11.59 pm on Saturday 4 April 2020 until the end of the declared public health emergency, unless they are revoked or replaced.
2. All remaining directions apply from the time of publication of this Direction until the end of the declared public health emergency, unless they are revoked or replaced.

### **Arrivals to Queensland – prior to 12.01 am Friday 3 April 2020**

3. A person who arrives in Queensland from another State or Territory of Australia prior to 12.01 am on Friday 3 April 2020 must self-quarantine for a period of 14 days, unless they are an **exempt person**.

### **Arrivals to Queensland – from 12.01 am Friday 3 April 2020**

4. A person who arrives in Queensland from another State or Territory of Australia from 12.01 am on Friday 3 April 2020 will not be allowed to enter Queensland, unless they are an **exempt person**.
5. Despite the direction in paragraphs 3 and 4, an **exempt person**, who arrives in Queensland must self-quarantine for a period of 14 days if:
  - a. they have been outside the border of Australia in the last 14 days; or
  - b. they travelled in the last 14 days to particular areas of Australia decided by the Chief Health Officer and published on the Queensland Health website (a **COVID19 hotspot**); or
  - c. they are a person mentioned in paragraph 7 b. (a person moving to Queensland to make Queensland their permanent place of residence).

A person is an **exempt person** if they fall in any of the following classes of persons:

#### **Queensland Residents**

6. Any person who is:
  - a. ordinarily resident in Queensland; or
  - b. who is moving to Queensland to make Queensland their permanent place of residence.

#### **Domestic air travel**

7. A person who is entering Queensland from another State or Territory by air in order to transfer as soon as possible to another flight is an exempt person if:
  - a. they remain in the airport until the time of transfer to the other flight; or
  - b. they self-quarantine in a hotel until the other flight; or
  - c. they are directed to self-quarantine by a relevant authority to a nominated premises and they must remain at that place until otherwise directed by the relevant authority.

#### **National and State Security and Government employees**

8. Any Government official who, in carrying out their duties, is responsible for the safety of Australia or Queensland against threats such as terrorism, war or espionage, and is required to be present in Queensland for such purposes.
9. Active military personnel required to be on duty in Queensland while in Queensland.
10. A member of the Australian Federal Police or Australian Border Force required to be on duty while in Queensland.
11. A Federal, State or local government employee, worker or contractor who is required to return to Queensland to perform official duties in Queensland.



12. A Federal, State or local government elected representative who is travelling to Queensland to perform official duties in Queensland.
13. Consular employees as defined in the *Consular Privileges and Immunities Act 1972 (Cth)* travelling to Queensland to perform official duties in Queensland.

### **Health Services**

14. A **health practitioner** who is requested by the Queensland Chief Health Officer or delegate to present for duty in Queensland to perform health services.
15. A Queensland Ambulance Service employee, paramedic, or an officer of St John Ambulance Australia, RACQ Lifeflight crew, Royal Flying Doctor Service crew or other aeromedical services crew who are providing medical care and/or transport to a patient in Queensland.
16. A person who, in carrying out their duties, is responsible for providing health support services or for the maintenance, resupply or repair of health services infrastructure critical to Queensland. This includes Australian Red Cross Lifeblood.

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17. Any person who, in carrying out their duties, is responsible for the provision of emergency services in Queensland and is required to be present in Queensland for such purpose. This includes Queensland Ambulance Service, St Johns Ambulance Australia, Queensland Police Service, Fire and Emergency Services and State Emergency Services.

### **Transport, freight and logistics**

18. Any person who in performing their duties is responsible for provision of services for local passenger transport including bus services, taxi and ride share services, transport or freight of goods, or logistics for the goods, by sea, land or air into, within and out of Queensland, on the condition that the person must practise social distancing wherever possible, including maintaining a distance of at least 1.5 metres where reasonably practicable and remain self-quarantined in their vehicle or accommodation.
19. Ship crew travelling from another State or Territory, for the limited period of delivery of persons, transport or freight of goods, or logistics for them, into, within and out of Queensland, on the condition that the person must practise social distancing wherever possible, including maintaining a distance of at least 1.5 metres where reasonably practicable and must remain on board ship in self-quarantine until the ship departs Queensland or via a flight, where the self-quarantine period is less than 14 days.
20. A member of a domestic, commercial or charter flight or maritime crew who self-quarantines until departing Queensland on another flight or voyage.

### **Specialist skills critical to maintaining key government services, industries or businesses and fly in fly out workers**

21. Any person who, in carrying out their duties, is responsible, while in Queensland, for provision, construction, maintenance, resupply or repair of infrastructure, utilities and services critical to Queensland including telecommunications, data, water supply, sewerage, sanitation and waste and recycling management.

22. A person who is a construction, commercial fishing, manufacturing, resources sector, energy or agribusiness employee whose company or service provider has a plan to manage preventing the transmission of COVID-19 amongst its employees and the community, and the plan complies with the requirements specified by the Chief Health Officer. An employee who is fly in fly out worker is only exempt if they satisfy the requirements in paragraph 24 below.
23. Despite paragraph 22, an employee of a resources sector company or service provider is only an exempt person if they are **a critical resources sector employee**.
24. A fly in fly out worker of company or service provider listed in paragraph 22, who is travelling to a worksite or work camp that is provided by their employer, and who has provided the following information upon arrival:
  - a. the name of their employer; and
  - b. evidence that they are a fly in fly out worker; and
  - c. evidence that they are entering Queensland to go directly to work; and
  - d. evidence of the location of the worksite or work camp; and
  - e. if they are a resources sector employee, evidence that they are a critical resources sector employee.

#### **People living and working close to the border of New South Wales, South Australia or the Northern Territory**

25. Any person who is ordinarily a resident of a State or Territory that shares a border with Queensland, being New South Wales, South Australia and the Northern Territory and:
  - a. who either:
    - i. ordinarily works in Queensland; or
    - ii. travels to Queensland to obtain **essential goods or services** or for a **permitted purpose**; and
  - b. enters Queensland, by crossing a land border, for the purposes of attending work or to obtain essential goods or services or for a permitted purpose; and
  - c. does not propose to stay in Queensland for longer than reasonably necessary to attend work or obtain essential goods or services.
26. Any person who is ordinarily a resident of Queensland who works in New South Wales, South Australia or the Northern Territory or who travels outside of Queensland to obtain essential goods or services.

#### **Persons entering Queensland on compassionate grounds or under compulsion of law**

27. Any person, who:
  - a. ordinarily resides in another State or Territory; and
  - b. is a carer or relative of a dependant individual who is in Queensland; and
  - c. is required to travel to Queensland to assist, care or support for the dependent individual.

28. Any dependant individual, who:

- a. ordinarily resides in another State or Territory; and
- b. is required to travel to Queensland to reside with a carer or relative who resides in Queensland because a carer or relative is unable to care for them in their home State or Territory; or
- c. for children under 18 years who do not live in the same household as their biological parents or siblings or one of their parents or siblings, continuing existing arrangements for access to, and contact between, parents and children and siblings, but not allowing access or contact with vulnerable groups or persons.

29. Any person who is entering Queensland for essential medical treatment or to otherwise obtain essential goods or essential services necessary for the preservation of life.

30. Any person who is entering Queensland to visit a terminally ill relative or to attend a funeral or wedding.

31. Any person who is required to enter Queensland under orders of any Court or Tribunal of Australia or to give effect to orders of the Court or Tribunal or to assist with or participate in an investigation or other action by a law enforcement authority, whether voluntarily or not.

32. Any person who usually resides in a residential facility in another State or Territory, for example, a boarding school or college, which is closed for scheduled holidays or because of COVID-19, who needs to return to Queensland to stay with family or a carer.

33. Any person who is escaping a risk of harm related to sexual or domestic and family violence.

34. Any other person, or class of persons, exempted by the Queensland Chief Health Officer because the Queensland Chief Health Officer considers:

- a. they have compassionate or other grounds such that self-isolation would lead to an unusual, undeserved or disproportionate hardship; or
- b. they are essential for the proper functioning of State; or
- c. their location of residence requires them to move across the border to obtain essential goods and services.

## Definitions

**Critical resources sector employee** means a person that:

- a. is required to be appointed under the *Coal Mining Safety and Health Act 1999*; the *Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Act 1999*; or the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* and the position is mentioned in the list published on the Queensland Health website; or
- b. has been approved by the Chief Health Officer as a critical resources sector employee.

**Essential business, activity or undertaking** means a business, activity or undertaking that is not prohibited by the *Non-essential business, activity and undertaking Closure Direction (No.4)*, or its successor, or another Public Health Direction.

**Essential goods or services** are food and other supplies, and services, that are needed for the necessities of life and operation of society, such as food, fuel, medical supplies, and other goods.

**Health practitioner** means:

- a. a registered health practitioner under the Health Practitioner National Law; or
- b. the following health service providers under the *Health Ombudsman Act 2013 (Qld)*: audiologists, social workers, dieticians, speech pathologists and exercise physiologists providing community based clinical services and primary health care.

*Note: a registered health practitioner includes a person registered in the following professions:*

- a. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practice;*
- b. Chinese medicine;*
- c. chiropractic;*
- d. dental (including the profession of a dentist, dental therapist, dental hygienist, dental prosthetist and oral health therapist);*
- e. medical;*
- f. medical radiation practice;*
- g. midwifery;*
- ga. nursing;*
- h. occupational therapy;*
- i. optometry;*
- j. osteopathy;*
- ja. paramedicine;*
- k. pharmacy;*
- l. physiotherapy;*
- m. podiatry;*
- n. psychology.*

**Permitted purpose** means:

- a. to obtain **essential goods or services**;
- b. to obtain medical treatment or other health care services;
- c. to engage in physical exercise if it is done:
  - i alone; or
  - ii with one other person; or
  - iii with the person's family group who ordinarily live in the same **household** as the person;

- d. to perform work or volunteering, or carry out or conduct an **essential business, activity or undertaking**, and the work, business activity or undertaking to be performed is of a nature that cannot reasonably be performed from the person's principal place of residence;
- e. to visit another person's residence in accordance with any public health direction applicable to home confinement, movement or gatherings;
- f. to visit a terminally ill relative or to attend a funeral or wedding, subject to any applicable restrictions under other relevant Public Health Directions;
- g. to provide assistance, care or support to an immediate family member;
- h. to attend any court or tribunal of Australia or to comply with or give effect to orders of the court or tribunal of Australia;
- i. to attend a childcare facility, school, university, or other educational institution, to the extent care or instruction cannot reasonably be obtained in the person's principal place of residence;
- j. to assist with or participate in an investigation or other action by a law enforcement authority, whether voluntarily or not;
- k. for children under 18 years who do not live in the same household as their biological parents or siblings or one of their parents or siblings, continuing existing arrangements for access to, and contact between, parents and children and siblings, but not allowing access or contact with vulnerable groups or persons;

*Example of a vulnerable group or person – a person over 70 years or a person with a medical condition that makes them vulnerable to COVID-19*

- l. avoiding injury or illness or to escape a risk of harm;

*Example – escaping a risk of harm related to sexual, domestic and family violence*

- m. to comply with or give effect to the exercise of a power or function of a government agency or entity under a law.

**Relevant authority** means an emergency officer appointed under the *Public Health Act 2005*.

## PART 2 — PENALTIES

A person to whom the direction applies commits an offence if the person fails, without reasonable excuse, to comply with the direction.

Section 362D of the *Public Health Act 2005* provides:

Failure to comply with public health directions

A person to whom a public health direction applies must comply with the direction unless the person has a reasonable excuse.

Maximum penalty—100 penalty units.

Dr Jeannette Young  
Chief Health Officer  
02 April 2020

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## Queensland border restrictions

To slow the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the Queensland Government is tightening restricted entry into Queensland.

New restrictions will apply from Friday 12.01am Friday 3 April 2020 which will only allow Queensland residents and those considered an 'exempt person' to cross the border. Restrictions preventing interstate FIFO workers (except for certain positions in certain resource industries) apply from 11.59pm Saturday 4 April 2020.

These restrictions continue to provide for the continuation of essential goods and services for Queenslanders.

### International arrivals

As per the Commonwealth Government's travel restrictions, only Australian citizens, residents and immediate family members can travel to Australia.

A person who arrives in Queensland from overseas is required to self-quarantine in a nominated place for 14 days, as instructed by a relevant government officer, whether Queensland is the person's final destination or not.

### Interstate arrival restrictions

Only Queensland residents and those considered an 'exempt person' will be allowed to enter Queensland via air, sea, rail or road from another State or Territory from 12.01 am on Friday 3 April 2020.

If you meet the criteria for an 'exempt person' (see below for more details – 'Who is allowed to enter Queensland?'), then please consider applying online for a Queensland Entry Pass to avoid delays at the border. These restrictions replace the arrangements which allow people who are not exempt, to cross the border provided they self-quarantine for 14 days.

Even if a person is a resident or an exempt person, they must self-quarantine if they have travelled in the last 14 days overseas, or to a COVID19 hotspot in Australia, which will be decided by the Chief Health Officer and published on the [Queensland Health website](#). If a person is entering Queensland from another State or Territory by air in order to transfer to another flight they are allowed to enter Queensland, but must remain in the airport until the time of a transfer to another flight, or self-quarantine in a hotel until the other flight.

### Will this increase delays at the border?

These restrictions are necessary to slow the spread of the virus in Queensland. Measures will be put in place to minimise delays as much as possible. We encourage everyone who meets the criteria for an "exempt person" to apply for a Queensland Entry Pass online to avoid delays at the border.

**Are people living in cross-border communities banned from crossing the border? (e.g. between Coolangatta and Tweed Heads)**

Residents should follow the clear advice to minimise movement however people are not banned from accessing local essential goods and services such as food and medical supplies, travel for any kind of employment and for other permitted purposes (for full list of permitted purposes see 'Direction – Home Confinement, Movement and Gathering').

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Hi Michael,

After further discussion with Dr Young, the only change made is in paragraph 2 below. We've updated the border direction to reflect this (attached).

Can you please arrange urgent publishing? It needs to be done before midnight.

All the other documents remain unchanged.

This version has been approved by Dr Young.

Thanks,

James Liddy.

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[redacted] Border Restrictions

I have spoken to David Harmer about two changes I would like

1. That if someone has done quarantine in another state or territory of Australia there is no need to repeat it if they went immediately from the quarantine site to Queensland without interacting with the community in the other state or territory
2. I do not believe we should exempt people from interstate being able to attend a wedding without going through quarantine. I am ok with exempting people from attending a funeral being required to go through quarantine.

Otherwise they are all fine. In fact a brilliant piece of work.

Thank you

Jeannette

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Hi Jeannette,

Could you please review the attached draft Directions and Q&As/Fact Sheets. These have been



prepared by LPU in consultation with DPC. They are intended to be uploaded tonight.

Thanks,  
Michael

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**Subject:** URGENT - Public Directions and information for publication today.

Hello Response Lead

I attach the following documents for Dr Young's approval and publication today.

- [redacted];
- Border restrictions (No. 3);
- Fact sheets/FAQs for each Direction;
- Web content for each Direction.

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# Direction from Chief Health Officer in accordance with emergency powers arising from the declared public health emergency

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21. Any person who, in carrying out their duties, is responsible, while in Queensland, for provision, construction, maintenance, resupply or repair of infrastructure, utilities and services critical to Queensland including telecommunications, data, water supply, sewerage, sanitation and waste and recycling management.

22. A person who is a construction, commercial fishing, manufacturing, resources sector, energy or agribusiness employee whose company or service provider has a plan to manage preventing the transmission of COVID-19 amongst its employees and the community, and the plan complies with the requirements specified by the Chief Health Officer. An employee who is fly in fly out worker is only exempt if they satisfy the requirements in paragraph 24 below.
23. Despite paragraph 22, an employee of a resources sector company or service provider is only an exempt person if they are **a critical resources sector employee**.
24. A fly in fly out worker of company or service provider listed in paragraph 22, who is travelling to a worksite or work camp that is provided by their employer, and who has provided the following information upon arrival:
  - a. the name of their employer; and
  - b. evidence that they are a fly in fly out worker; and
  - c. evidence that they are entering Queensland to go directly to work; and
  - d. evidence of the location of the worksite or work camp; and
  - e. if they are a resources sector employee, evidence that they are a critical resources sector employee.

#### **People living and working close to the border of New South Wales, South Australia or the Northern Territory**

25. Any person who is ordinarily a resident of a State or Territory that shares a border with Queensland, being New South Wales, South Australia and the Northern Territory and:
  - a. who either:
    - i. ordinarily works in Queensland; or
    - ii. travels to Queensland to obtain **essential goods or services** or for a **permitted purpose**; and
  - b. enters Queensland, by crossing a land border, for the purposes of attending work or to obtain essential goods or services or for a permitted purpose; and
  - c. does not propose to stay in Queensland for longer than reasonably necessary to attend work or obtain essential goods or services.
26. Any person who is ordinarily a resident of Queensland who works in New South Wales, South Australia or the Northern Territory or who travels outside of Queensland to obtain essential goods or services.

#### **Persons entering Queensland on compassionate grounds or under compulsion of law**

27. Any person, who:
  - a. ordinarily resides in another State or Territory; and
  - b. is a carer or relative of a dependant individual who is in Queensland; and
  - c. is required to travel to Queensland to assist, care or support for the dependent individual.

28. Any dependant individual, who:

- a. ordinarily resides in another State or Territory; and
- b. is required to travel to Queensland to reside with a carer or relative who resides in Queensland because a carer or relative is unable to care for them in their home State or Territory; or
- c. for children under 18 years who do not live in the same household as their biological parents or siblings or one of their parents or siblings, continuing existing arrangements for access to, and contact between, parents and children and siblings, but not allowing access or contact with vulnerable groups or persons.

29. Any person who is entering Queensland for essential medical treatment or to otherwise obtain essential goods or essential services necessary for the preservation of life.

30. Any person who is entering Queensland to visit a terminally ill relative or to attend a funeral.

31. Any person who is required to enter Queensland under orders of any Court or Tribunal of Australia or to give effect to orders of the Court or Tribunal or to assist with or participate in an investigation or other action by a law enforcement authority, whether voluntarily or not.

32. Any person who usually resides in a residential facility in another State or Territory, for example, a boarding school or college, which is closed for scheduled holidays or because of COVID-19, who needs to return to Queensland to stay with family or a carer.

33. Any person who is escaping a risk of harm related to sexual or domestic and family violence.

34. Any other person, or class of persons, exempted by the Queensland Chief Health Officer because the Queensland Chief Health Officer considers:

- a. they have compassionate or other grounds such that self-isolation would lead to an unusual, undeserved or disproportionate hardship; or
- b. they are essential for the proper functioning of State; or
- c. their location of residence requires them to move across the border to obtain essential goods and services.

## Definitions

**Critical resources sector employee** means a person that:

- a. is required to be appointed under the *Coal Mining Safety and Health Act 1999*; the *Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Act 1999*; or the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* and the position is mentioned in the list published on the Queensland Health website; or
- b. has been approved by the Chief Health Officer as a critical resources sector employee.

**Essential business, activity or undertaking** means a business, activity or undertaking that is not prohibited by the *Non-essential business, activity and undertaking Closure Direction (No.4)*, or its successor, or another Public Health Direction.

**Essential goods or services** are food and other supplies, and services, that are needed for the necessities of life and operation of society, such as food, fuel, medical supplies, and other goods.

**Health practitioner** means:

- a. a registered health practitioner under the Health Practitioner National Law; or
- b. the following health service providers under the *Health Ombudsman Act 2013 (Qld)*: audiologists, social workers, dieticians, speech pathologists and exercise physiologists providing community based clinical services and primary health care.

*Note: a registered health practitioner includes a person registered in the following professions:*

- a. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practice;*
- b. Chinese medicine;*
- c. chiropractic;*
- d. dental (including the profession of a dentist, dental therapist, dental hygienist, dental prosthetist and oral health therapist);*
- e. medical;*
- f. medical radiation practice;*
- g. midwifery;*
- ga. nursing;*
- h. occupational therapy;*
- i. optometry;*
- j. osteopathy;*
- ja. paramedicine;*
- k. pharmacy;*
- l. physiotherapy;*
- m. podiatry;*
- n. psychology.*

**Permitted purpose** means:

- a. to obtain **essential goods or services**;
- b. to obtain medical treatment or other health care services;
- c. to engage in physical exercise if it is done:
  - i alone; or
  - ii with one other person; or
  - iii with the person's family group who ordinarily live in the same **household** as the person;

- d. to perform work or volunteering, or carry out or conduct an **essential business, activity or undertaking**, and the work, business activity or undertaking to be performed is of a nature that cannot reasonably be performed from the person's principal place of residence;
- e. to visit another person's residence in accordance with any public health direction applicable to home confinement, movement or gatherings;
- f. to visit a terminally ill relative or to attend a funeral, subject to any applicable restrictions under other relevant Public Health Directions;
- g. to provide assistance, care or support to an immediate family member;
- h. to attend any court or tribunal of Australia or to comply with or give effect to orders of the court or tribunal of Australia;
- i. to attend a childcare facility, school, university, or other educational institution, to the extent care or instruction cannot reasonably be obtained in the person's principal place of residence;
- j. to assist with or participate in an investigation or other action by a law enforcement authority, whether voluntarily or not;
- k. for children under 18 years who do not live in the same household as their biological parents or siblings or one of their parents or siblings, continuing existing arrangements for access to, and contact between, parents and children and siblings, but not allowing access or contact with vulnerable groups or persons;

*Example of a vulnerable group or person – a person over 70 years or a person with a medical condition that makes them vulnerable to COVID-19*

- l. avoiding injury or illness or to escape a risk of harm;  
*Example – escaping a risk of harm related to sexual, domestic and family violence*
- m. to comply with or give effect to the exercise of a power or function of a government agency or entity under a law.

**Relevant authority** means an emergency officer appointed under the *Public Health Act 2005*.

## PART 2 — PENALTIES

A person to whom the direction applies commits an offence if the person fails, without reasonable excuse, to comply with the direction.

Section 362D of the *Public Health Act 2005* provides:

Failure to comply with public health directions

A person to whom a public health direction applies must comply with the direction unless the person has a reasonable excuse.

Maximum penalty—100 penalty units.

Dr Jeannette Young  
Chief Health Officer  
2 April 2020

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**From:** [Jeannette Young](#)  
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Thank you all. An amazing piece of work. Very thorough and clearly articulated

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**Subject:** RE: FOR URGENT CLEARANCE: Public Directions relating to irrelevant information,  
irrelevant information Border Restrictions

Hi Michael,

After further discussion with Dr Young, the only change made is in paragraph 2 below. We've updated the border direction to reflect this (attached).

Can you please arrange urgent publishing? It needs to be done before midnight.

All the other documents remain unchanged.

This version has been approved by Dr Young.

Thanks,

James Liddy.

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**Subject:** Re: FOR URGENT CLEARANCE: Public Directions relating to irrelevant information,  
irrelevant information Border Restrictions

I have spoken to David Harmer about two changes I would like

1. That if someone has done quarantine in another state or territory of Australia there is no need to repeat it if they went immediately from the quarantine site to Queensland without interacting with the community in the other state or territory
2. I do not believe we should exempt people from interstate being able to attend a wedding without going through quarantine. I am ok with exempting people from attending a funeral being required to go through quarantine.

Otherwise they are all fine. In fact a brilliant piece of work.

Thank you

Jeannette

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**Subject:** FOR URGENT CLEARANCE: Public Directions relating to [irrelevant information]  
 [irrelevant information] Border Restrictions

Hi Jeannette,

Could you please review the attached draft Directions and Q&As/Fact Sheets. These have been prepared by LPU in consultation with DPC. They are intended to be uploaded tonight.

Thanks,

Michael

**Michael Coccetti**

Response Liaison Lead, State Health Emergency Coordination Centre

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**From:** David Harmer [irrelevant information]  
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**Subject:** URGENT - Public Directions and information for publication today.

Hello Response Lead

I attach the following documents for Dr Young's approval and publication today.

- [irrelevant information];
- Border restrictions (No. 3);
- Fact sheets/FAQs for each Direction;
- Web content for each Direction.

**David Harmer**

Senior Director, Strategic Policy and Legislation Branch

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## Re: Border directions - publication of hotspots

David Harmer [redacted] >

Sat 04/04/2020 17:49

To: Jeannette Young [redacted]  
 Cc: Mark Elcock [redacted]; Peter Aitken [redacted]; SHECC [redacted];  
 [redacted]; Chris Wold [redacted]; publichealthdirections [redacted]; Jasmina Joldic [redacted]

Hello Jeannette

DPC suggests Minister Miles should raise the proposed approach and implications with the Premier if it is to proceed Monday. Would you like to discuss with the Minister or would you like me or Jasmina let the Chief of Staff know.

Thanks

David Harmer  
 Senior Director  
 Strategic Policy and Legislation Branch

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On 4 Apr 2020, at 5:25 pm, Heidi Grodecki [redacted] wrote:

Mark,  
 There will be a list that will need to be published but at present there is not a formal document.  
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**From:** Mark Elcock [redacted]  
**Sent:** Saturday, 4 April 2020 5:23 PM  
**To:** Heidi Grodecki [redacted]; Peter Aitken [redacted]; SHECC [redacted]  
**Cc:** Chris Wold [redacted]; David Harmer [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: Border directions - publication of hotspots

Thanks Heidi

I will let the SDCC Commander/SDCG Chair know.

Will there be a formal document as such?

Mark

Dr Mark Elcock PSM  
 Deputy State Health Coordinator  
 Queensland Health

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**From:** Heidi Grodecki [redacted]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 4, 2020 5:16:49 PM  
**To:** Peter Aitken [redacted]; Mark Elcock [redacted]; SHECC [redacted] >  
**Cc:** Chris Wold [redacted]; David Harmer [redacted]  
**Subject:** FW: Border directions - publication of hotspots

Good evening Mark and Peter

Just to make you aware that Dr Young has requested that a list of Covid- 19 hotspots is published as of midnight Monday.

The publication will have a similar effect to a hard border closure – I am not sure who needs to be made aware at SDCC/DPC - I will send an email to my operational contacts at QPS to advise. Once the list is published any person who is currently an exempt person as per the Borders direction will no longer be able to enter QLD without self-quarantining if they have been to a hotspot (and these may include the whole of greater Sydney). This change will not only capture Queensland residents returning to Queensland who have been in hotspots but all the other classes of exempt persons – e.g. emergency service personal, medical practitioners, freight where the driver has been in a hotspot – also all flight crew for flights originating from Sydney as will any essential service person coming from a hotspot.

Jeannette is aware of these implications and wishes to proceed.

Can I leave this one with you to ensure the relevant people at SDCC/DPC are informed?

SHECC – Comms will also need to be involved at some stage – I don't have time to deal with them today as I am also trying to sort out the AG/DJAG/HPW call centre SMS release for tomorrow.

Kind regards

Heidi

Irrelevant

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**From:** Jeannette Young [Irrelevant information]  
**Sent:** Saturday, 4 April 2020 4:38 PM  
**To:** Heidi Grodecki [Irrelevant information]  
**Cc:** David Harmer [Irrelevant information]; publichealthdirections [Irrelevant information]  
**Subject:** Re: Border directions - publication of hotspots

That is why we should do it Monday night. But we can't delay much more. I see we are starting to get cases from interstate travel.

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**To:** Jeannette Young [Irrelevant information]  
**Cc:** David Harmer [Irrelevant information]; publichealthdirections [Irrelevant information]  
**Subject:** Border directions - publication of hotspots

Good afternoon Jeannette

I just want to check you are aware of the implications of publishing a list of hotspots without any amendment to the existing CHO direction.

Once the list is published any person who is currently an exempt person will no longer be able to enter QLD without self-quarantining. This will not only capture Queensland residents returning to Queensland who have been in hotspots but all the other classes of exempt persons – e.g. emergency service personal, medical practioners, freight where the driver has been in a hotspot – this maybe particularly problematic if greater Sydney is declared a hotspot. Also all flight crew will have to self-quarantine on arrival for 14 days if originating from Sydney as will any essential service person coming form a hotspot.

Please can you confirm this is your intent.

Kind regards

Heidi

**Public Health Incident Management Team (COVID-19)**

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Lead - Policy [REDACTED]; Sophie Dwyer  
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**Cc:** Mark Beardmore [REDACTED]; Response.Lead  
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**Subject:** CLEARED: CHO Public Health Directions - [REDACTED], Border Restrictions, [REDACTED]

Hi all

As per the below, these CHO directions have been approved by Jeannette and are ready for publishing.

Mark - if you could however advise the Response Lead team once these have been published that would be appreciated.

I understand the Comms material will be provided separately for Dr Young's approval tomorrow morning.

Kind regards, Katie  
Queensland Government



**Katie Watts**

**Response Liaison Lead**

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**Cc:** Response.Lead [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: For approval: CHO Public Health Directions - [REDACTED], Border Restrictions, [REDACTED]

Yes they are all three fine. I approve the changes

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**To:** Jeannette Young [REDACTED] Irrelevant information

**Cc:** Response.Lead [REDACTED] Irrelevant information

**Subject:** FW: For approval: CHO Public Health Directions - [REDACTED], Border Restrictions, [REDACTED]

Hi Jeannette

Please find attached the following Public Health Directions for your review and approval.

[REDACTED]

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Direction	Summary	Approvals
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Out of scope

Border Restrictions Direction (No. 5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement border arrangements for regarding seasonal agricultural and commercial fisheries workers coming to Qld.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cabinet approved policy.</li> <li>DPC has endorsed direction.</li> <li>Extensive consultation with DPC, DAF, DITID, QPS and TMR.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement the Commonwealth's class exemption for quarantine requirements for non-cruise maritime crew.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Cabinet.</li> <li>DPC has endorsed.</li> <li>Consultation with Maritime Safety Queensland and Department of Transport and Main Roads.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarify that a Federal, State or local government employee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPC has endorsed.</li> </ul>



	or contractor e.g. defence industry contractor is exempt from the requirement to quarantine when entering Queensland to perform official duties.	
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Kind regards, Katie  
Queensland Government



**Katie Watts**  
**Response Liaison Lead**  
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Irrelevant information; Jasmina Joldic Irrelevant information;  
 Response.Lead.Engagement Irrelevant information Response Lead -  
 Policy Irrelevant information >; Sophie Dwyer Irrelevant information  
**Subject:** For approval: CHO Public Health Directions - Irrelevant information Border Restrictions, Irrelevant information

Hi Response Lead,

Please find attached the following CHO Public Health Directions for approval by Dr Young. These are all intended to be published tomorrow. However, given the volume we thought it would be helpful to get the approval process started this evening.

All changes to existing directions are highlighted yellow for ease of reference. Comms material for Dr Young's approval will be provided separately tomorrow morning.

Direction	Summary	Approvals
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Out of scope

Border Restrictions Direction (No. 5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement border arrangements for regarding seasonal agricultural and commercial fisheries workers coming to Qld.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cabinet approved policy.</li> <li>DPC has endorsed direction.</li> <li>Extensive consultation with DPC, DAF, DITID, QPS and TMR.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement the Commonwealth's class exemption for quarantine requirements for non-cruise maritime crew.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Cabinet.</li> <li>DPC has endorsed.</li> <li>Consultation with Maritime Safety Queensland and Department of Transport and Main Roads.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarify that a Federal, State or local government employee or contractor e.g. defence industry contractor is exempt from the requirement to quarantine when entering Queensland</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPC has endorsed.</li> </ul>

	to perform official duties.	
Self-quarantine for Persons Arriving in Queensland from Overseas Direction (No. 3).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement the Commonwealth's class exemption for quarantine requirements for non-cruise maritime crew.</li> <li>• Clarify that maritime crew on vessels such as superyachts arriving from overseas can continue to self-quarantine on their vessel as permitted by the existing direction, as the Commonwealth class exemption only applies to commercial vessels and government vessels and does not contemplate other vessels arriving from overseas.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DPC has endorsed.</li> <li>• Consultation with Maritime Safety Queensland and Department of Transport and Main Roads.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enable international arrivals who are in transit, but may have to quarantine outside the airport, to only quarantine until their next outbound international flight and not for the full 14 days</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DPC has endorsed.</li> </ul>

Out of scope

Regards

**Rachel Stewart-Koster**  
A/Manager

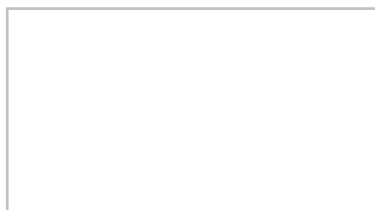
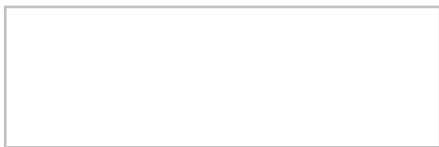
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# Direction from Chief Health Officer in accordance with emergency powers arising from the declared public health emergency

## Border Restrictions (No. 5)

*Public Health Act 2005* (Qld)

Section 362B

On 29 January 2020, under the *Public Health Act 2005*, the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services made an order (Order) declaring a public health emergency in relation to coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The public health emergency area specified in the Order is for 'all of Queensland'. Its duration has been extended by regulation to 19 May 2020 and may be further extended.

Further to this declaration, I, Dr Jeannette Young, Chief Health Officer, reasonably believe it is necessary to give the following directions pursuant to the powers under s362B of the *Public Health Act 2005* to assist in containing, or to respond to, the spread of COVID-19 within the community.

### Guidance

For the purpose of this direction, all travellers to Queensland including returning residents and workers should practise social distancing and risk mitigation measures such as remaining 1.5 metres away from other persons, regular washing of hands, and limiting travel outside of the home or place of accommodation and work except for permitted purposes.

### Preamble

1. This Public Health Direction replaces the Public Health Direction – Border Restrictions (No. 4) given on 10 April 2020.
2. This Public Health Direction is to be read in conjunction with other Public Health Directions issued under section 362B of the *Public Health Act 2005* that have not expired or been revoked.

### Citation

3. This Public Health Direction may be referred to as the Public Health Direction – Border Restrictions (No. 5).

## PART 1 — QUARANTINE FOR TRAVELLERS

### Directions

4. This Direction applies from the time of publication until the end of the declared public health emergency, unless it is revoked or replaced.

5. A person who arrives in Queensland from another State or Territory of Australia will not be allowed to enter Queensland, unless they are an **exempt resident** or **exempt person**.
6. An exempt resident or exempt person who arrives in Queensland must self-quarantine if:
  - a. they have been outside Australia in the last 14 days; or
  - b. they are non-cruise maritime crew who must comply with requirements in the **class exemption for non-cruise maritime crew**.
7. An exempt resident who arrives in Queensland must self-quarantine if:
  - a. in the last 14 days, they have been in particular areas of Australia decided by the Chief Health Officer and published on the Queensland Health website (a **COVID-19 hotspot**), unless the person was in the COVID-19 hotspot for an **essential purpose** or enters Queensland for an **essential purpose**; or
  - b. they are a person mentioned in paragraph 10 item 1(b) (a person moving to Queensland to make Queensland their principal place of residence).
8. From 12.01 am on Tuesday 5 May 2020, an exempt person who arrives in Queensland must self-quarantine if:
  - a. they are an agribusiness or commercial fishing employee or contractor; and
  - b. in the last 14 days, they have been in a COVID-19 hotspot; and
  - c. they cannot produce adequate documentation from an interstate health authority to demonstrate self-quarantine was completed at a place in the COVID-19 hotspot.
9. The Chief Health Officer may give an exemption from the requirement to self-quarantine under paragraphs 7 and 8 if the Chief Health Officer considers:
  - a. there are compassionate or other grounds such that self-quarantine would lead to an unusual or disproportionate hardship for the person; or
  - b. the person is essential for the proper functioning of the State; or
  - c. other exceptional circumstances exist that merit the person not being required to self-quarantine.
10. An **exempt resident** is a person mentioned in the following table:

Exempt resident
<b>1. Queensland residents</b> A person who: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) ordinarily resides in Queensland; or</li> <li>b) is moving to Queensland to make Queensland their principal place of residence.</li> </ol>

Exempt resident
<p><b>2. People living and working close to the border of New South Wales, South Australia or the Northern Territory</b></p> <p>(1) Any person who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) is ordinarily a resident of a State or Territory that shares a border with Queensland, being New South Wales, South Australia and the Northern Territory; and</li> <li>b) travels to Queensland to obtain <b>essential goods or services</b> or for a <b>permitted purpose</b>; and</li> <li>c) enters Queensland, by crossing a land border; and</li> <li>d) does not propose to stay in Queensland for longer than reasonably necessary for the permitted purpose or to obtain essential goods or services.</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: a permitted purpose includes to perform work.</i></p> <p>(2) Any person who is ordinarily a resident of Queensland who works in New South Wales, South Australia or the Northern Territory or who travels outside of Queensland to obtain essential goods or services.</p>

11. An **exempt person** is a person mentioned in the following table:

Exempt person
<p><b>1. Domestic air travel</b></p> <p>A person who enters Queensland by air and is required to transfer as soon as possible to another flight is an exempt person if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) they remain in the airport until the time of transfer to the other flight and comply with a requirement or direction of a <b>relevant authority</b>; or</li> <li>b) they comply with a direction to self-quarantine given by a relevant authority.</li> </ul>

## 2. National and State Security and Government employees

- (1) Any Government official who, in carrying out their duties, is responsible for the safety of Australia or Queensland against threats such as terrorism, war or espionage, and is required to be present in Queensland for such purposes.
- (2) Active military personnel required to be on duty in Queensland while in Queensland.
- (3) A member of the Australian Federal Police or Australian Border Force required to be on duty while in Queensland.
- (4) A Federal, State or local government employee, worker or contractor who is required ~~to return to Queensland~~ to perform official duties in Queensland.
- (5) A Federal, State or local government elected representative who is travelling to Queensland to perform official duties in Queensland.
- (6) Consular employees as defined in the *Consular Privileges and Immunities Act 1972 (Cth)* travelling to Queensland to perform official duties in Queensland.

## 3. Health Services

- (1) A health practitioner who is requested by the Queensland Chief Health Officer or their delegate to present for duty in Queensland to perform health services.
- (2) A Queensland Ambulance Service employee, paramedic, an officer of St John Ambulance Australia, RACQ Lifeflight crew, Royal Flying Doctor Service crew or other aeromedical services crew who are providing medical care or transport to a patient in Queensland.
- (3) A person who, in carrying out their duties, is responsible for providing health support services or for the maintenance, resupply or repair of health services infrastructure critical to Queensland. This includes Australian Red Cross Lifeblood.

## 4. Emergency services

Any person who, in carrying out their duties, is responsible for providing emergency services in Queensland and is required to be present in Queensland for such purpose, including:

- a) Queensland Ambulance Service;
- b) St John Ambulance Australia;
- c) Queensland Police Service;
- d) Fire and Emergency Services; and
- e) State Emergency Services.



## 5. Transport, freight and logistics

(1) Any person who:

- a) is transporting freight or passengers by sea, land or air, to, from or through Queensland; or
- b) provides logistics and support for the transport of freight or passengers by sea, land or air, to, from or through Queensland; or
- c) is providing local passenger transport including rail, road, ferry, boat, bus, taxi and ride share services; or
- d) is a member of a domestic, commercial or charter flight air crew who self-quarantines until departing Queensland on another flight or voyage; or
- e) is a non-cruise maritime crew member who has complied with, or will comply with, the requirements in the class exemption for non-cruise maritime crew.

(2) The person, as far as practicable:

- a) remains quarantined in their vehicle, ship or accommodation until the person departs Queensland or for 14 days, whichever period is shorter; or
- b) meets the relevant requirements in the class exemption for non-cruise maritime crew; and
- c) practises social distancing, including by remaining at least 1.5 metres from other people.

*Note: Cruise ships are subject to the Restricting cruise ships from entering Queensland waters Direction or its successor and to the Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Emergency Requirements) Determination 2020 (Cwlth).*

*Note: Maritime vessels are subject to any General Manager Maritime Safety Queensland Directions issued under the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994 which may impose time-based arrival restrictions.*

## 6. Specialist skills critical to maintaining key government services, industries or businesses and fly in fly out workers

- (1) Any person who, in carrying out their duties, is responsible, while in Queensland, for provision, construction, maintenance, resupply or repair of infrastructure, utilities and services critical to Queensland including telecommunications, data, water supply, sewerage, sanitation and waste and recycling management.
- (2) A person who is a construction, commercial fishing, manufacturing, resources sector, energy or agribusiness employee:
  - a) whose company or service provider has a plan to manage preventing the transmission of COVID-19 amongst its employees and the community, and the plan complies with the requirements specified by the Chief Health Officer; and
  - b) if the person is an employee of a resources sector company or service provider, they are a **critical resources sector employee**; and
  - c) if the person is a fly in fly out worker who is travelling to their worksite or work camp provided by their employer, they have provided the following information upon arrival in Queensland:
    - (i) the name of their employer; and
    - (ii) evidence that they are a fly in fly out worker; and
    - (iii) evidence that they are entering Queensland to go directly to work; and
    - (iv) evidence of the location of the worksite or work camp; and
    - (v) if they are a resources sector employee, evidence that they are a critical resources sector employee.

## 7. Agribusiness and commercial fishing employees

Any person who is an agribusiness or commercial fishing employee or contractor:

- a) whose employer has a health management plan in accordance with the Seasonal Workers Health Management Plans Direction or its successor; and
- b) who provides the following information upon arrival in Queensland:
  - (i) a letter of employment; and
  - (ii) details of the person's accommodation in Queensland; and
  - (iii) evidence of each place the person has worked and stayed in the 14 days prior to the person's arrival in Queensland; and
  - (iv) if the person has been in a COVID-19 hotspot in the last 14 days, and must self-quarantine upon arrival under paragraph 8, details of where the person will self-quarantine in Queensland; and
  - (v) if the person has not been in a COVID-19 hotspot in the last 14 days, evidence, if required, that they are entering Queensland to go directly to work.

## **8. Persons entering Queensland on compassionate grounds or under compulsion of law**

### **(1) Any person, who:**

- a) ordinarily resides in another State or Territory; and
- b) is a carer or relative of a dependent individual who is in Queensland; and
- c) is required to travel to Queensland to assist, care or support for the dependent individual.

### **(2) Any dependent individual, who:**

- a) ordinarily resides in another State or Territory; and
- b) is required to travel to Queensland to reside with a carer or relative who resides in Queensland because a carer or relative is unable to care for them in their home State or Territory.

### **(3) Any person who:**

- a) is entering Queensland for essential medical treatment or to otherwise obtain essential goods or essential services necessary for the preservation of life; or
- b) is entering Queensland to visit a terminally ill relative or to attend a funeral; or
- c) is required to enter Queensland under orders of any Court or Tribunal of Australia or to give effect to orders of the Court or Tribunal; or
- d) is required to assist with or participate in an investigation or other action by a law enforcement authority, whether voluntarily or not; or
- e) usually resides in a residential facility in another State or Territory, for example, a boarding school or college, which is closed for scheduled holidays or because of COVID-19, who needs to return to Queensland to stay with family or a carer; or
- f) is a child who does not live in the same household as their biological parents or siblings or one of their parents or siblings, and is continuing existing arrangements for access to, and contact between, parents and children and siblings, but not if it involves access or contact with vulnerable groups or persons; or

*Example of a vulnerable group or person – a person over 70 years or a person with a medical condition that makes them vulnerable to COVID-19*

- g) is avoiding injury or escaping a risk of harm; or

*Example – escaping a risk of harm related to sexual or domestic and family violence*

- h) is complying with or giving effect to the exercise of a power or function of a government agency or entity under a law.

## 9. Chief Health Officer Exemptions

Any other person, or class of persons, exempted by the Queensland Chief Health Officer because the Queensland Chief Health Officer considers:

- a) they have compassionate or other grounds such that self-quarantine or refusal of entry into Queensland would lead to an unusual or disproportionate hardship; or
- b) they are essential for the proper functioning of State; or
- c) their location of residence requires them to move across the border to obtain essential goods and services.

## Definitions

**Class exemption for non-cruise maritime crew** means the class exemption for non-cruise maritime crew in Schedule 1 of this direction.

**Note:** for the purposes of the class exemption for non-cruise maritime crew in Schedule 1 of this direction reference to a port authority includes a terminal operator

**COVID-19 hotspot** means a particular area of Australia decided by the Chief Health Officer and published on the Queensland Health website.

**Critical resources sector employee** means a person that:

- a. is an employee of a resources company or service provider; and
- b. is required to be appointed under the *Coal Mining Safety and Health Act 1999*; the *Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Act 1999*; or the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* and the position is mentioned in the list published on the Queensland Health website; or
- c. has been approved by the Chief Health Officer as a critical resources sector employee.

**Essential business, activity or undertaking** means a business, activity or undertaking that is not prohibited by the *Non-essential Business, Activity and Undertaking Closure Direction (No. 8)*, or its successor, or another Public Health Direction.

**Essential goods or services** are food and other supplies, and services, that are needed for the necessities of life and operation of society, such as food, fuel, medical supplies, and other goods or services.

**Essential purpose** means a **permitted purpose** other than those referred to in paragraphs (a) (to the extent of obtaining essential goods), (c), (e), (g) and (i).

**Health practitioner** means:

- a. a registered health practitioner as defined by the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law; or
- b. the following health service providers under the *Health Ombudsman Act 2013 (Qld)*: audiologists, social workers, dieticians, speech pathologists and exercise physiologists providing community based clinical services and primary health care.

**Note:** a registered health practitioner includes a person registered to practise in the following professions:

- a. *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practice;*
- b. *Chinese medicine;*
- c. *chiropractic;*
- d. *dental (including the profession of a dentist, dental therapist, dental hygienist, dental prosthetist and oral health therapist);*
- e. *medical;*
- f. *medical radiation practice;*
- g. *midwifery;*
- ga. *nursing;*
- h. *occupational therapy;*
- i. *optometry;*
- j. *osteopathy;*
- ja. *paramedicine;*
- k. *pharmacy;*
- l. *physiotherapy;*
- m. *podiatry;*
- n. *psychology.*

**Non-cruise maritime crew** means maritime crew defined under the class exemption for non-cruise maritime crew in Schedule 1 of this direction.

**Permitted purpose** means:

- a. to obtain **essential goods or services**;
- b. to obtain medical treatment or other health care services;
- c. to engage in physical exercise if it is done:
  - i alone; or
  - ii with one other person; or
  - iii with the person's family group who ordinarily live in the same household as the person;
- d. to perform work or volunteering, or carry out or conduct an **essential business, activity or undertaking**, and the work, business activity or undertaking to be performed is of a nature that cannot reasonably be performed from the person's principal place of residence;
- e. to visit another person's residence in accordance with any public health direction applicable to home confinement, movement or gatherings;
- f. to visit a terminally ill relative or to attend a funeral, subject to any applicable restrictions under other relevant Public Health Directions;
- g. to provide assistance, care or support to an immediate family member;
- h. to attend any court or tribunal of Australia or to comply with or give effect to orders of the court or tribunal of Australia;

- i. to attend a childcare facility, school, university, or other educational institution, to the extent care or instruction cannot reasonably be obtained in the person's principal place of residence;
- j. to assist with or participate in an investigation or other action by a law enforcement authority, whether voluntarily or not;
- k. for children under 18 years who do not live in the same household as their biological parents or siblings or one of their parents or siblings, continuing existing arrangements for access to, and contact between, parents and children and siblings, but not allowing access or contact with vulnerable groups or persons;

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- l. avoiding injury or illness or to escape a risk of harm;

*Example – escaping a risk of harm related to sexual, domestic and family violence*

- m. to comply with or give effect to the exercise of a power or function of a government agency or entity under a law.

**Relevant authority** means an emergency officer appointed under the *Public Health Act 2005*.

**Self-quarantine** means:

- a. self-quarantine in accordance with a direction or further direction given by a relevant authority, or if no direction is given, for a period of 14 days; or
- b. for non-cruise maritime crew, self-quarantine in accordance with the **class exemption for non-cruise maritime crew**.

## PART 2 — PENALTIES

A person to whom the direction applies commits an offence if the person fails, without reasonable excuse, to comply with the direction.

Section 362D of the *Public Health Act 2005* provides:

Failure to comply with public health directions

A person to whom a public health direction applies must comply with the direction unless the person has a reasonable excuse.

Maximum penalty—100 penalty units.

Dr Jeannette Young  
Chief Health Officer

X May 2020

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## **Schedule 1: Class exemption for non-cruise maritime crew**

On 9 April, the National Cabinet agreed that the Australian Government and all states and territories would implement a consistent and immediate exemption for non-cruise maritime crew to provide for the transiting to and from their places of work, within and across jurisdictions with agreed documentation.

National Cabinet noted that states and territories may adopt additional protocols in consultation with industry that creates protection for crews on board vessels, and will put in place appropriate penalties for companies and individuals that are found to be in breach of the requirements of the exemption.

The exemption will be reviewed on 1 June 2020.

### **Class exemption**

This class exemption for non-cruise maritime crew will be implemented by the Australian Government, and all states and territories in their relevant primary or subordinate legislation. The purpose of the exemption is to enable key industries and supply chain activities to continue to operate while at the same time mitigating the risk that these workers may spread COVID-19.

### **Definition of maritime crew**

Maritime crew includes anyone required to be part of a crew operating or providing services to support the operation of a commercial vessel (excluding cruise vessels) or a government vessel in Australian waters. A commercial vessel is defined as any vessel involved in commercial activity in support of the movement of freight and important industries (such as the resources industry) or person involved in the provision of port services, maintenance services, marine pilots and marine surveyors. Maritime crew does not include cruise ship crew.

Maritime crew includes Australian and New Zealand Citizens, permanent residents, maritime crew visa holders and sub-class 400 (temporary specialist worker) visa holders. This advice does not apply to crew on cruise ships.

Maritime crew also includes any Government officials involved in the regulation or other authorisation of the industry, including personnel from the Australian Government (such as the Australian Maritime Safety Authority, the Australian Border Force, the Department of Agriculture and the Environment, the Department of Health) and the state/territory government (such as the Department of Health, Maritime Regulatory agencies, Port Authorities, and Environment Protection agencies). These officials are exempt from any quarantine or self-isolation requirements where they are required to attend a vessel for the purposes of conducting their regulated activities.

## Provisions

These provisions apply to Australian and international crew working on commercial vessels in Australia (not cruise ships). Vessels may berth in Australia at any time, however, if the vessel arrives within 14-days from their last international port of call or from the last time crew (not including cruise ship crew) joined the vessel within Australia and all occupants aboard the vessel have declared that they are healthy the following restrictions apply:

- All crew must remain on-board while the vessel is berthed in a port or any other place where cargo is loaded or unloaded.
- Crew are able to disembark to conduct essential vessel functions and crew must wear personal protective equipment (PPE) while performing these functions.
- Crew must also use PPE in public spaces on board the vessel while non-crew members are on-board.
- These restrictions apply until 14 days has elapsed since the vessel departed the last foreign port before Australia or the last time crew joined the vessel within Australia, unless crew are unwell or there is a suspected case of COVID-19 on-board. If a person is unwell, there will be a human biosecurity assessment, and if indicated, a subsequent referral to state and territory human biosecurity officer (public health doctor) for direction as per current process.
- The period maritime crew spend at sea prior to their arrival in Australia and during operations in Australia since the last time crew joined the vessel counts towards the 14-day period of self-isolation. In practice, if a vessel has travelled for ten days since last being in a foreign port, the period of self-isolation for its crew members would be the remaining four days.
- Shore leave can be taken once the 14-day period has elapsed so long as no crewmember has demonstrated signs of illness or is suspected of having COVID-19.
- Commercial vessels that have made declarations during pre-arrival formalities that crew are ill and showing COVID-19 health symptoms will be managed in accordance with established pratique arrangements and in consultation with state police jurisdictions. Reception and management plans will be drawn together prior to allowing the vessel to enter an Australian port.

## Crew signing off a vessel

- Both Australian and foreign crew signing off a vessel at an Australian port who have completed the 14-day isolation period will be permitted to:
  - transit and depart Australia via a flight; or
  - proceed to join another vessel in Australia; or
  - for Australian residents, return to their normal place of residence in Australia.
- Crew departing via a flight will need to provide evidence of their flight details or the next vessel they are to join.
- Where a crewmember is signing off a vessel (within the 14-day period) and remaining in Australia to join another vessel they must self-isolate at their accommodation for the remainder of the 14-day self-isolation period.



- Crew members departing Australia may proceed directly to the airport and depart; or they must self-isolate at their accommodation until the time they proceed to the airport.
- Crewmembers can proceed to join another vessel in Australia, but they must self-isolate at their accommodation until the time they board the vessel.
- Where a crewmember's transportation out of Australia is delayed or cancelled, the crewmember can remain in Australia on their existing Maritime Crew Visa until an alternative transportation option is arranged.
- Crewmembers must still complete their 14-day self-isolation period following the departure from their last foreign port.
- Where a crewmember is an Australian resident and is signing off a vessel (within the 14-day period) and returning home they must self-isolate at their usual place of residence for the remainder of the 14-day self-isolation period.
- Where a crewmember is an Australian resident and is signing off a vessel (following the completion of the 14-day period) and returning home they may travel home without the need to quarantine prior to arrival or self-isolate at their usual place of residence.

### **Crew arriving by international aircraft or travelling within Australia to join a vessel**

The following exemptions are in place for commercial vessels and non-cruise maritime crew:

- Crew travelling to Australia (by aircraft) to join a vessel must adhere to the following arrangements:
  - On arrival in Australia crew may be subject to additional screening by biosecurity.
  - Crew may take a domestic flight/s to their final destination to meet their vessel but must self-isolate at their accommodation if they have a layover at any time.
  - Crew must proceed directly to the vessel or self-isolate in their accommodation.
  - Crew experiencing any signs of illness must not join the vessel and should seek medical assistance.
  - Once on the vessel, crew members may leave the vessel to undertake vessel functions and must wear PPE while performing these functions.
- Crew travelling within Australia (by any means of transportation) to join a vessel must adhere to the following arrangements:
  - During travel to their destination or on arrival at their destination crew may be subject to additional screening by biosecurity.
  - Crew may take a domestic flight/s to their final destination to meet their vessel but must self-isolate at their accommodation if they have a layover at any time.
  - Crew must proceed directly to the vessel or self-isolate in their accommodation.
  - Crew experiencing any signs of illness must not join the vessel and should seek medical assistance.
  - Once on the vessel, crew members may leave the vessel to undertake vessel functions and must wear PPE while performing these functions.

• Crew joining a vessel in Australia within 14-days need to undertake appropriate precautions when interacting with others. This includes:

- Use of appropriate PPE when interacting with others (port workers and other crewmembers who will be leaving the vessel for shore leave or sign-off).
- Practice good personal hygiene and clean/sanitise surfaces and common areas.
- Use separate facilities to other crewmembers (where possible).
- Maintain appropriate social-distancing.

### **Documentary evidence of exemption**

- Crew travelling to a vessel in Australia or leaving a vessel to return home or leave Australia should carry the following documentary evidence to demonstrate to state or territory authorities they are subject to an exemption:
  - A letter from their employer on company letterhead indicating their name, occupation, reason for travel relating to their work and the location where the work is to be conducted
  - A letter from the port authority indicating that the vessel that the work relates to is expected to be in that port at the specified time
  - Their Maritime Security Identification Card where they have one
  - A copy of the company COVID-19 management plan or staff procedures.
- Companies with crew travelling to join commercial vessels in Australia may also be requested to submit their company COVID-19 management plan or staff procedures and a list of staff expected to be travelling and subject to this exemption to relevant authorities.
- Where the maritime crew have complied with all of the requirements of the exemption state and territory law enforcement representatives will permit the crewmember to travel to their vessel and to travel home from their vessel at the end of their allocated shift without impediment.
- State and territory law enforcement representatives will check compliance with the exemption conditions and action may be taken if maritime workers are found to have not complied with any of the requirements of the exemption.

**From:** [Jeannette Young](#)  
**To:** [John Wakefield](#)  
**Cc:** [Jasmina Joldic](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Hotspot recommendation  
**Date:** Tuesday, 9 June 2020 12:52:00 PM

Thankyou it is difficult. The risk is very low but it is clearly there and the criticism will be high if we have a case from Victoria that we have allowed through a closed border.

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**From:** John Wakefield <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 9 June 2020 12:51 PM  
**To:** Jeannette Young <[redacted]>  
**Cc:** Jasmina Joldic <[redacted]>  
**Subject:** Re: Hotspot recommendation

Yes of course. Regards. J

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On 9 Jun 2020, at 12:18 pm, Jeannette Young <[redacted]> wrote:

Are you ok for me to implement that recommendation?

**From:** John Wakefield <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 9 June 2020 12:15 PM  
**To:** Jeannette Young <[redacted]>; Jasmina Joldic  
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**Subject:** RE: Hotspot recommendation

Yes. I have let Kym know just in case you get a call from Brett.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 9 June 2020 12:09 PM  
**To:** John Wakefield <[redacted]>; Jasmina Joldic  
 [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: Hotspot recommendation

Yes it should be over ten. Yes it is regularly reviewed. You would remember the last review under the previous definition recommended removing all hotspots.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 12:04:25 PM  
**To:** Jeannette Young <[redacted]>; Jasmina Joldic  
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**Subject:** RE: Hotspot recommendation

Thanks Jeannette. I was referring to the threshold in the SBAR. It says <10 and I think it should say >10 as it pertains to a greater risk.

Just need to amend the SBAR for clarity.

Also, given the threshold is the last two weeks data, I think we need to have a clear process to review every 14 days.

Regards

John

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**From:** Jeannette Young <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 9 June 2020 11:59 AM  
**To:** John Wakefield <[redacted]>; Jasmina Joldic <[redacted]>  
**Subject:** Re: Hotspot recommendation

Because restrictions have been lifted people are moving around. Before they were staying quite close to home.

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**From:** John Wakefield <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:56:47 AM  
**To:** Jeannette Young <[redacted]>; Jasmina Joldic <[redacted]>  
**Subject:** RE: Hotspot recommendation

Thanks Jeannette.

I don't really understand the SBAR in relation to the comment about arbitrary level of increased risk being less than 10 new cases in the last fortnight.

What does this mean?

Hot spots are declared when an SA3 has more than 10 new cases in the last fortnight?

Can you please clarify before I go to Kym Peake.

Thanks

J

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**From:** Jeannette Young <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 9 June 2020 10:06 AM  
**To:** Jasmina Joldic <[redacted]>; John Wakefield <[redacted]>  
**Subject:** FW: Hotspot recommendation

Dear John

I believe this is an appropriate response to declare the only hotspot in Australia at this time as the state of Victoria. Therefore require quarantine for anyone travelling into Queensland from Victoria. There needs to be regular review. I would like to implement this as soon as possible

Thank you  
Jeannette

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**From:** Scott Kitchener [irrelevant information] >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 9 June 2020 9:33 AM  
**To:** Jeannette Young [irrelevant information] >  
**Cc:** CHO COVID [irrelevant information] >; Response.Lead [irrelevant information]; healthdirections [irrelevant information] >  
**Subject:** Re: Hotspot recommendation

Further to my last on this matter:

Situation

A recommendation has previously been provided by the COVID-19 IMT regarding incidence of COVID-19 to inform the Chief Health Officer regarding geographic areas of higher incidence (hotspots).

Background

The previous basis for this recommendation for the CHO were notified cases to the NIR by SA3 over the preceding fortnight. The arbitrary level of unacceptable incidence recommended was <10 new cases in the previous fortnight.

Assessment

With lesser incidence of the virus in most jurisdictions, a different level of risk is recommended to be assumed.

Recommendation (9 June 2020)

A State-by-State recommendation for travel to Queensland is needed.

For travel within Victoria in the past 14 days including greater Melbourne (specifically, Melbourne CBD, Hume, Casey, Brimbank, Wyndham, Melton, Morelands, Monash, Knox and Boroondara), quarantine is warranted for all on entry to Queensland. Geographic areas of elevated incidence have not been identified warranting a specific quarantine recommendations in NSW, pTasmania, South Australia, Western Australia or Northern Territory.

For your consideration,

Scott Kitchener

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