
On 15 March 2020, the Minister for Emergency Services declared a state of emergency with effect from 12 a.m. on 16 March 2020 in respect of the pandemic caused by COVID-19 pursuant to section 56 of the *Emergency Management Act 2005* (WA) (Act). The state of emergency applies to the State of Western Australia.

**Background and Preamble**

Under section 69 of the Act, a hazard management officer or authorised officer may take control of or make use of any place, vehicle or thing for the purposes of emergency management during an emergency management situation or a state of emergency.

I, Christopher John Dawson, Commissioner of Police and State Emergency Coordinator, now do as follows and give the following directions, pursuant to my powers under section 69 and 74 of the Act.

**Preamble**

1. The purpose of these directions is to provide a location for the Western Australian Police Force Incident Management Team known as Operation ‘TIDE’, responsible for maintaining business continuity and providing support to the Hazard Management Agency.

**Citation**

2. These directions may be referred to as the *Incident Management Team Accommodation Directions – Optus Stadium*.

**Making Use of Place and Things**

3. During the state of emergency, the following place or things will be used for the purposes of emergency management:

   (a) the Accommodation;

   (b) any place or thing referred to in paragraph 5.
Directions

4. **VenuesWest** must provide unrestricted access to the State Emergency Coordinator and members of the Incident Management Team to the **Accommodation**.

5. Without limiting direction 4, the provision of unrestricted access includes providing:
   
   (a) access to any points of entry to, and exit from, the Accommodation;
   
   (b) anything required to gain physical access to the Accommodation including, for example, swipe cards or passwords;
   
   (c) use of **facilities** at the Accommodation; and
   
   (d) access to parking facilities at the Accommodation.

Definitions

6. **Accommodation** means the following areas of **Optus Stadium**:
   
   (a) the Sports Lounge Area on Level 3; and
   
   (b) Suite Numbers 445 to 448 on Level 4 (with the option to utilise more if required); and
   
   (c) underground carparking bays.

7. **Facilities** includes telephone, internet, electricity, water, electronic equipment including computers, furniture and other chattels.

8. **Incident Management Team** means a group of incident management personnel, headed by a Police Commander (responsible for the overall control of the incident) who is supported by personnel he or she appoints to be responsible for the functions of operations, planning and **logistics**.

9. **Optus Stadium** means the stadium located at 333 Victoria Park Drive, Burswood, in the State of Western Australia.

10. **VenuesWest** means the Western Australian Sports Centre Trust, established under section 4 of the Western Australia Sports Centre Trust Act 1986, trading as VenuesWest.

Christopher John Dawson
State Emergency Coordinator and Commissioner of Police

26 March 2020
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