
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.

I, Christopher John Dawson, Commissioner of Police and State Emergency Coordinator, now give the following directions, pursuant to my powers under section 67 of the Act.

DIRECTIONS

Preamble

1. The purpose of these directions is to ensure that:

   (a) goods can be delivered to a shop; and

   (b) goods can be delivered by a shop to a customer of the shop; and

   (c) rubbish and refuse can be collected,

   without any restriction on the time when that delivery or collection can occur.

Citation

2. These directions may be referred to as the Public Authorities (Delivery of Goods and Collection of Rubbish and Refuse) Directions.

Directions

3. Subject to paragraph 4 of these directions, a public authority must refrain from doing any act or performing any function which:

   (a) restricts; or

   (b) gives effect to or enforces a restriction on,

   the time when:

   (c) goods can be delivered to a shop; or
(d) goods can be delivered by a shop to a customer of the shop; or

(e) rubbish or refuse can be collected.

4. Paragraph 3 of these directions does not apply to:

(a) the doing of any act or the performance of any function; or

(b) the doing of any class of act or the performance of any class of function,

which I as the State Emergency Coordinator have authorised orally or in writing before the act or class of act is done or the function or class of function is performed.

Definitions

5. Public authority means a public authority as that term is defined by section 3 of the Emergency Management Act 2005 (WA), but does not include:

(a) the Police Force of Western Australia; or

(b) a member or officer of the Police Force of Western Australia.

6. Rubbish or refuse includes any filth, dirt, ashes, vegetation, garden refuse, waste material, waste food, sludge, offensive matter, cinders, wood or metal shavings which a local government collected or arranged to have collected on a monthly or more frequent basis immediately before the Minister for Emergency Services declared the state of emergency.

7. Shop means premises used to sell goods by retail, provided that those goods include food for human consumption.

Christopher John Dawson
State Emergency Coordinator and Commissioner of Police

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