EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT 2005 (WA)
Sections 61, 67, 70 and 72A

QUARANTINE (CLOSING THE BORDER) AMENDMENT DIRECTIONS


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 sections 61, 67, 70 and 72A of the Act.

PREAMBLE

1. The purpose of these directions is to amend the Quarantine (Closing the Border) Directions I made on 5 April 2020 (Primary Directions).

CITATION

2. These directions may be referred to as the Quarantine (Closing the Border) Amendment Directions.

COMMENCEMENT

3. These directions come into effect at 11.59 pm on 7 July 2020.

DIRECTIONS

4. Paragraph 27 of the Primary Directions is amended by:

(a) deleting subparagraph (f) and inserting in its place:

(f) a person who enters Western Australia at the request of the Chief Health Officer, or the Director General of the Department of Health, or a person authorised to make a request by the Chief Health Officer or the Director General of Health, to assist in the provision of health services in Western Australia; or
(b) deleting subparagraph (h) and inserting in its place:

(h) a specialist or category of specialist required for industry or business continuity and maintenance of competitive operation where the service is time-critical, who I as the State Emergency Coordinator, or a person authorised by me as the State Emergency Coordinator for the purpose, approves in writing and who complies with any terms or conditions to which that approval is subject (which may include a quarantine direction); or

(c) deleting subparagraph (i) and inserting in its place:

(i) a person or category of person who in the course of the person's duties is responsible for critical maintenance or repair of infrastructure critical to a region of, or to, Western Australia, who I as the State Emergency Coordinator, or a person authorised by me as the State Emergency Coordinator for the purpose, approves in writing and who complies with any terms or conditions to which that approval is subject (which may include a quarantine direction); or

(d) deleting subparagraph (j) and inserting in its place:

(j) a person or category of person who is employed or engaged in agriculture, food production or primary industry that requires the person to be physically present in Western Australia, other than a person who is described in paragraph 27(k), who I as the State Emergency Coordinator, or a person authorised by me as the State Emergency Coordinator for the purpose, approves in writing and who complies with any terms or conditions to which that approval is subject (which may include a quarantine direction); or

5. For the avoidance of doubt, I confirm that the Primary Directions continue in effect but, from the date and time specified in paragraph 3 of these directions, as amended by paragraph 4 of these directions.

Christopher John Dawson
State Emergency Coordinator and Commissioner of Police
7 July 2020

2005 hours.