EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT 2005 (WA)

Sections 61, 67, 70 and 72A

QUARANTINE (CLOSING THE BORDER) AMENDMENT DIRECTIONS (NO 3)


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 (No 3).

COMMENCEMENT

3. These directions come into effect at 11.59 pm on 19 July 2020.

DIRECTIONS

4. The Primary Directions are amended by:

   (a) deleting paragraph 5(e) and inserting in its place the following subparagraph:

   (e) has been in New South Wales or Victoria in the previous 14 days unless:

   (i) the person falls into one or more of the categories described in paragraph 27(a) to (g) and, until the end of the fourteenth day after the person enters Western Australia or they leave Western Australia, whichever is earlier, the person (unless directed
otherwise):

(A) takes all reasonable steps to avoid coming within 1.5 metres of another person; and

(B) when coughing or sneezing does so into their elbow or a tissue; and

(C) washes their hands often with soap and water or using alcohol hand rub, particularly before or after eating and after attending a bathroom; and

(D) wears a face mask if available and appropriate having regard to the person’s ability to wear a face mask, when the person is in public, or in the same room with one or more other persons; and

(E) telephones 1300 316 555 if they believe that they have developed symptoms as soon as possible after they form that belief to report that belief; or

(ii) the person is approved, or falls into a category of persons approved, in writing by me as the State Emergency Coordinator or a person authorised by me as the State Emergency Coordinator for the purpose, and:

(A) complies with any terms or conditions to which that approval is subject (which may include a quarantine direction); and

(B) if the person enters Western Australia by disembarking from an affected aircraft, the person disembarks from the affected aircraft at Perth Airport.

Note: the approval described in paragraph 5(e)(ii) is required in addition to any other requirement (including any term or condition) imposed on a category of exempt traveller (other than the categories described in paragraph 27(a) to (g)).
(b) deleting paragraph 5A and inserting in its place the following paragraph:

5A. The owner or operator of an affected aircraft from which any person (relevant person) is expected to disembark onto land anywhere in Western Australia must take all reasonable steps:

(a) to ascertain whether the relevant person has been in New South Wales or Victoria in the 14 days before the day on which the relevant person is expected to disembark; and

(b) if the relevant person has been in New South Wales or Victoria in the 14 days before the day on which the relevant person is expected to disembark, to ensure that:

(i) the relevant person is a person described in paragraph 5(c)(i) or (ii); and

(ii) no relevant person disembarks from the aircraft except at Perth Airport.

(c) deleting "self-quarantine." in paragraph 42(b) and inserting in its place "self-quarantine; and",

(d) inserting after paragraph 42(b) the following subparagraph:

(c) if the person is or is likely to be required by a direction to present for testing, are close enough to a place where testing can occur in accordance with the direction to enable the person to comply with that direction.

(e) deleting the telephone number "1300 660 321" wherever it appears and inserting in its place the telephone number "1300 316 555".

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

Christopher John Dawson
State Emergency Coordinator and Commissioner of Police
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