
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 continues in effect. The state of emergency applies to the State of Western Australia.

On 4 June 2020, I gave the Remote Aboriginal Communities Directions (No. 3) (Directions), the purpose of which is to:

(a) limit the spread of COVID-19 to protect vulnerable Aboriginal people in Remote Aboriginal Communities; and

(b) facilitate the movements of persons into and out of a Remote Aboriginal Community in certain specified circumstances whilst still limiting the spread of COVID-19.

Under the Directions, I may agree to vary Schedule 1 to the Directions so that the Directions do not apply to a particular Remote Aboriginal Community or to a particular part of a Remote Aboriginal Community where I consider it appropriate to do so having regard to the purpose of the Directions. Now I, Christopher John Dawson, Commissioner of Police and State Emergency Coordinator, agree to vary Schedule 1 to the Directions as follows:

CITATION

1. This is the Variation of Schedule 1 to the Remote Aboriginal Communities Directions (No. 3) (Mercedes Cove).

PREAMBLE

2. The purpose of this variation is to exclude Mercedes Cove, a community that is a Remote Aboriginal Community listed in Schedule 1 to the Directions, from the operation of the Directions.
COMMENCEMENT AND EFFECT

3. This variation comes into effect when it is made (start time).

4. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this variation affects the operation of the Directions immediately before the start time.

VARIATION

5. Schedule 1 to the Directions is varied by removing reference to Mercedes Cove as a Remote Aboriginal Community.

DEFINITION

6. Remote Aboriginal Community has the same meaning that it has in the Directions.

Christopher John Dawson
State Emergency Coordinator and Commissioner of Police

24 July 2020  15:33 hours