

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT 2005 (WA)

### Sections 67 and 72A

## DIRECTION- BHAGWAN OCEAN

The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic on 11 March 2020.

On 15 March 2020, the Minister for Emergency Services declared a state of emergency with effect from 12 am 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 67 and 72A of the Act.

### PREAMBLE

1. The purpose of these directions is to deem the **vessel** an **unexposed vessel** for the purposes of the **maritime worker directions**, subject to compliance with the conditions set out in these directions.

### COMMENCEMENT

2. These directions come into effect upon signing.

### DIRECTIONS

3. The vessel is deemed to be an unexposed vessel for the purposes of the maritime worker directions, provided that the conditions in paragraph 4 are satisfied.
4. In order for the vessel to be deemed to be an unexposed vessel for the purposes of the maritime worker directions, the following conditions must be satisfied:
  - (a) all horizontal surfaces in all cabins, ablutions, galleys and common areas onboard the vessel (such as the bridge and engine room) must be cleaned, paying particular attention to all high touch surfaces such as door handles, light switches, taps, phones and keyboards; and
  - (b) the Northern Territory must not become a **restricted location** at any time between this direction coming into effect and the vessel leaving the Northern Territory.


5. For the avoidance of doubt, the status conferred upon the vessel pursuant to paragraph 3 is conferred at a point in time only, and the vessel may subsequently become an **exposed vessel** as a result of travel the vessel undertakes, or persons the vessel embarks, subsequent to disembarkation.

## DEFINITIONS

6. **Exposed vessel** has the meaning that it has in the maritime worker directions.
7. **Maritime worker directions** means, as context demands:
- (a) the Exposed On-Board Worker Directions; or
  - (b) the Rig or Platform Crew Member Directions; or
  - (c) the Maritime Crew Member Directions.
8. **Restricted location** has the same meaning it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia directions.
9. **Unexposed vessel** has the same meaning it has in in the maritime worker directions.
10. **Vessel** means the vessel named Bhagwan Ocean that is scheduled to arrive in Perth on or around 2 August 2021.

## PENALTIES

It may be an offence to fail to comply with any of these directions, punishable by imprisonment for up to 12 months or a fine of up to \$50,000 for individuals and \$250,000 for bodies corporate.



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**Christopher John Dawson**

Commissioner of Police and State Emergency Coordinator

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