

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT 2005 (WA)

Sections 67, 70 and 72A

NEW ZEALAND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS OMNIBUS AMENDMENT DIRECTIONS

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**) (**State of Emergency**). 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, 70 and 72A of the Act.

PREAMBLE

1. The purpose of these directions is to amend the status of New Zealand in a range of directions so that New Zealand reverts to the status of an international location. The purpose of doing so is to prevent the importation of COVID-19 into the Western Australian community and to otherwise limit the spread of COVID-19 in Western Australia in light of an ongoing outbreak of COVID-19 in New Zealand.

CITATION

2. These directions may be referred to as the **New Zealand Travel Arrangements Omnibus Amendment Directions**.

COMMENCEMENT

3. These directions come into effect at 12.01am on 1 September 2021.

DIRECTIONS

Revocation of New Zealand Exposure Site Directions

4. The New Zealand Exposure Site Directions (**revoked directions**) are revoked.
5. Despite paragraph 4, a person must continue to comply with any obligations which still applied to the person under the revoked directions immediately before these directions came into effect, to the same extent that the person would have had to comply with them if the revoked directions had not been revoked, and, for the avoidance of doubt, if a

person fails to comply with an obligation that applied to them under the revoked directions, the person may commit an offence under the Act.

Amendments to the Outbreak Outside of Western Australia Response Directions (No 6)

6. The Outbreak Outside of Western Australia Response Directions (No 6) are amended by:

(a) deleting paragraph 66 of and replacing it with the following paragraph:

66. **Exposure period** means a period of time identified in materials published by the relevant government authority of any Australian State or Territory as being a time period when a person who was at or within the **exposure site** was at heightened risk of contracting COVID-19.

(b) deleting paragraph 67 and replacing it with the following paragraph:

67. **Exposure site** means a specific building, business, facility or location that has been identified in publicly available materials published by the government of any Australian State or Territory as being a location where a heightened risk of contracting COVID-19 existed if persons were at or within that location during the **exposure period**.

Amendments to Rig and Platform Crew Member Directions

7. The Rig and Platform Crew Member Directions are amended by:

(a) deleting subparagraph 56(b)(ii) and replacing it with the following subparagraph:

(ii) a person who has been in a location that is not within Australia or Australia's Exclusive Economic Zone in the previous 14 days; or

(b) deleting subparagraph 82(b) and replacing it with the following subparagraph:

(b) has only been in:

(i) Western Australia; or

(ii) other Australian States or Territories that are not a **restricted location**,

in the 14-day period prior to travelling to the rig or platform; or

- (c) deleting subparagraph 86(a)(i) and replacing it with the following subparagraph:
 - (i) has not been in or at any ports outside of Australia; and
- (d) deleting subparagraph 86(a)(iv) and replacing it with the following subparagraph:
 - (iv) has not embarked a person who, in the 14 days prior to their embarkation, had been in a place outside of Australia; and

Amendments to the Maritime Crew Member Directions

8. The Maritime Crew Member Directions are amended by:

- (a) deleting subparagraph 19(a)(i)(A) and replacing it with the following subparagraph:
 - (A) been in or at a port in an international location; or
- (b) deleting subparagraph 19(a)(i)(B) and replacing it with the following subparagraph:
 - (B) embarked a person who, in the 60 days prior to their embarkation, had been in an international location; or
- (c) deleting subparagraph 79(a)(i) and replacing it with the following subparagraph:
 - (i) has not been in or at any ports outside of Australia; and
- (d) deleting subparagraph 79(a)(iv) and replacing it with the following subparagraph:
 - (iv) has not embarked a person who, in the 14 days prior to their embarkation, had been in a place outside of Australia; and

Amendments to the Exposed On-Board Worker Directions

9. The Exposed On-Board Worker Directions are amended by:

- (a) deleting subparagraph 73(a)(i) and replacing it with the following subparagraph:
 - (i) has not been in or at any ports outside of Australia; and

- (b) deleting subparagraph 73(a)(iv) and replacing it with the following subparagraph:

- (iv) has not embarked a person who, in the 14 days prior to their embarkation, had been in a place outside of Australia; and

Amendments to Flight Crew Directions (No 6)

10. The Flight Crew Directions (No 6) are amended by:

- (a) deleting subparagraph 8(b) and replacing it with the following subparagraph:

- (b) have not been in a place outside of Australia.

- (b) by deleting the note immediately following paragraph 8 and replacing it with the following note:

Note: if a domestic flight crew member has been in a place outside of Australia in the 14 days before they enter Western Australia, they are, for the purposes of these directions, an international flight crew member, as provided in paragraph 36(b). Accordingly, such a crew member must comply with the requirements for international crew members that are set out in these directions.

- (c) by deleting the words 'or New Zealand' in paragraph 17.

- (d) deleting paragraph 30 and replacing it with the following paragraph:

30. **Domestic flight** means a flight between two destinations, both of which are in Australia.

- (e) deleting the words 'other than New Zealand' in subparagraph 36(a).

- (f) deleting the words 'other than New Zealand' in subparagraph 36(b).

- (g) deleting paragraph 37 and replacing it with the following paragraph:

37. **Interstate terminal** means a terminal at an airport in a state or territory of Australia other than Western Australia.

Amendments to Transport, Freight and Logistics Directions (No 3)

11. The Transport, Freight and Logistics Directions (No 3) are amended by deleting the words 'other than New Zealand' in paragraph 9.

Amendments to Transiting Aircraft Passenger Directions (No 2)

12. The Transiting Aircraft Passenger Directions (No 2) are amended by:

- (a) deleting paragraph 8 and replacing it with the following paragraph:
 - 8. *[Not Used]*.
- (b) deleting the note following paragraph 8.
- (c) deleting subparagraph 19(b) and replacing it with the following subparagraph:
 - (b) a place outside Australia in the case of an international short-term transiting passenger or an international long-term transiting passenger.
- (d) deleting subparagraph 32(b) and replacing it with the following subparagraph:
 - (b) the ticket or other booking for the next flight is to a place outside of Australia; and
- (e) deleting subparagraph 33(b) and replacing it with the following subparagraph:
 - (b) the ticket or other booking for the next flight is to a place outside of Australia; and

Amendments to Presentation for Testing Directions (No 34)

13. The Presentation for Testing Directions (No 34) are amended by deleting the words '(other than New Zealand)' in:

- (a) paragraph 1 of Schedule 3; and
- (b) each place those words appear in paragraph 1 of Schedule 4; and
- (c) each place those words appear in paragraph 1 of Schedule 5; and
- (d) paragraph 2(a) of Schedule 6.



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Christopher John Dawson

Acting Commissioner of Police and State Emergency Coordinator

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