

# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT 2005 (WA)

## Section 61

### AUTHORISATION BY THE STATE EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

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.

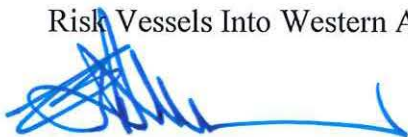
I, Christopher John Dawson, Commissioner of Police and State Emergency Coordinator, pursuant to section 61 of the Act, in respect of the State of Emergency, authorise **Department of Transport officers** to:

- (a) receive **vessel declarations**; and
- (b) communicate with the master, operator, agent, charterer, owner (and any employee or officer of those persons) of a **higher risk vessel**; and
- (c) disclose vessel declarations and communications referred to in paragraph (b) to other authorised officers and officers of the Department of Health,

for the purpose of giving effect to the Regulated Entry of Higher Risk Vessels Into Western Australia Directions as amended or replaced from time to time.

### DEFINITIONS

1. **Department of Transport officers** means the following officers of the Department of Transport:
  - (a) Melanie Davies;
  - (b) Sophie Gillespie; and
  - (c) John Morris.
2. **Higher risk vessel** has the same meaning that it has in the Regulated Entry of Higher Risk Vessels into Western Australia Directions.
3. **Vessel declaration** has the same meaning that it has in the Regulated Entry of Higher Risk Vessels Into Western Australia Directions.



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**Christopher John Dawson**  
Commissioner of Police and State Emergency Coordinator

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