



## **Quarantine Advisory Panel**

### **Meeting 6 - Communiqué**

### **29 October 2021**

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Chaired by Sue Ash AO, the Quarantine Advisory Panel (QAP) is a Ministerial response to reviews of quarantine arrangements in Western Australia. The QAP will;

- provide advice and support the Hazard Management Agency (HMA), the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Department of Health, in leading and managing WA's COVID-19 quarantine arrangements; and
- facilitate whole of government coordination and expert clinical and corporate governance input into WA's quarantine system.

#### **Update**

- The QAP will continue to perform an audit and risk function, reviewing quarantine operational risks, mitigation strategies and providing improvement advice to HMA CEO. Principles developed to support this function will be tested when reviewing operational procedures in place at Perth domestic and international airports.
- Increased compliance reporting will be requested from key agencies involved in WA's quarantine system to support the assurance process. This will include reviewing incidents and issues reported in hotel quarantine.
- The Panel will seek independent expert advice on Principles developed to support and manage unaccompanied minors in hotel quarantine.
- Based on the changing national quarantine environment, consideration will be given to governance models for home quarantine to increase the capacity for returning residents when government reopens WA borders.
- The Department of the Premier and Cabinet briefed QAP on the development of the Centre for National Resilience Perth. QAP will continue to engage with DPC as the project develops at a state level.

The next Communiqué will be on Friday, 26 November 2021.