

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT 2005 (WA)

### Sections 67, 70 and 72A

## QANTAS ANTARCTIC SCENIC FLIGHT 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. These directions modify the operation of the Flight Crew Directions (No 7) for the purposes of facilitating the **Antarctic scenic flight**, subject to the **Antarctic scenic flight crew** and the **airline** taking certain precautions directed toward preventing the importation of COVID-19 into Western Australia and otherwise limiting the spread of COVID-19 in Western Australia.

### CITATION

2. These directions may be referred to as the **Qantas Antarctic scenic flight directions**.

### COMMENCEMENT

3. These directions come into effect upon signing.

### DIRECTIONS

#### Leaving crew hotel to work on the Antarctic scenic flight

4. Notwithstanding paragraph 11 of the Flight Crew Directions (No 7), and subject to:
  - (a) Antarctic scenic flight crew complying with paragraph 5 of these directions;  
and
  - (b) the airline complying with paragraph 6 of these directions,

Antarctic scenic flight crew may leave their **crew hotel** for the purposes of working on the Antarctic scenic flight.

#### **Obligations of Antarctic scenic flight crew**

5. Antarctic scenic flight crew who leave their crew hotel pursuant to these directions must:
- (a) not have been outside of Australia in the 14 days prior to their entry into Western Australia; and
  - (b) undertake a rapid antigen test for COVID-19 on the morning of 9 January 2022, and return a negative result to that test, prior to leaving the crew hotel; and
  - (c) upon leaving the crew hotel, travel directly by charter vehicle arranged by the airline to the **aircraft**; and
  - (d) wear a **face mask** at all times while outside the crew hotel, including at all times while on board the aircraft, except when eating or drinking inside the J class cabin of the aircraft; and
  - (e) remain at all times within the J class cabin of the aircraft except when it is necessary to leave that cabin to attend to **passengers**; and
  - (f) upon leaving the aircraft on conclusion of the Antarctic scenic flight, travel directly by charter vehicle arranged by the airline to the crew hotel, and resume compliance with the Flight Crew Directions (No 7); and
  - (g) be tested for COVID-19 using an approved testing methodology within 24 hours of returning to the crew hotel after the Antarctic scenic flight.

#### **Obligations of airline**

6. The airline must:
- (a) ensure no more than 12 Antarctic scenic flight crew work on the Antarctic scenic flight; and
  - (b) ensure all Antarctic scenic flight crew comply with the obligations at paragraph 5 of these directions; and

- (c) ensure the aircraft does not land at any location outside of Western Australia during the Antarctic scenic flight unless such landing is necessary by reason of an emergency; and
- (d) ensure only three basic services (namely breakfast, lunch and dinner) are offered to passengers during the Antarctic scenic flight; and
- (e) take all reasonable steps to ensure passengers wear face masks at all times during the Antarctic scenic flight except when eating and drinking; and
- (f) ensure hand sanitiser and alcohol wipes are freely available to all Antarctic scenic flight crew and all passengers during the Antarctic scenic flight; and
- (g) take all reasonable steps to minimise:
  - (i) unnecessary cabin movement; and
  - (ii) interaction between Antarctic scenic flight crew and passengers, during the Antarctic scenic flight; and
- (h) test each Antarctic scenic flight crew for COVID-19 using an approved testing methodology within 24 hours of the Antarctic scenic flight crew returning to the crew hotel.

#### **Re-entry to Western Australia after the Antarctic scenic flight**

7. Provided that the airline complies with paragraph 6(c) of these directions, I exempt all passengers from all obligations under the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions that would, but for this paragraph 7, arise in relation to their entry into Western Australia on conclusion of the Antarctic scenic flight.

#### **Inconsistency**

8. If there is any conflict between these directions and any other directions, these directions prevail to the extent of any inconsistency.

#### **Interpretation**

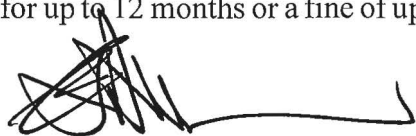
9. Unless specified otherwise, any reference in these directions to any other direction made by the State Emergency Coordinator is deemed to be a reference to that direction as amended or replaced from time to time.

## DEFINITIONS

10. **Aircraft** means the aircraft undertaking the Antarctic scenic flight.
11. **Airline** means Qantas Airways Limited ACN 009 661 901.
12. **Antarctic scenic flight** means the flight operated by the airline and departing Perth on 9 January 2022, flying over Antarctica without landing, and returning to Perth on 9 January 2022, including the embarkation and disembarkation processes relating to that flight.
13. **Antarctic scenic flight crew** means a person who works on the Antarctic scenic flight.
14. **Approved testing methodology** means testing for COVID-19 via deep nasal and throat swab with polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing conducted by a laboratory that has National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) accreditation for that test.
15. **Crew hotel** has the same meaning that it has in the Flight Crew Directions (No 7).
16. **Face mask** means a disposable surgical mask or fitted cloth mask that covers the nose and mouth (but does not include a face shield).
17. **Negative test result** means a test result:
  - (a) where no evidence of infection with COVID-19 was detected; or
  - (b) where evidence of previous COVID-19 infection was detected, but where the Chief Health Officer or a person authorised by him for that purpose has classified such infection as being a historical case.
18. **Passenger** means a passenger on the Antarctic scenic flight.

## 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

7 January 2022 1524 hours