

Quarantine Advisory Panel Meeting 9 - Communiqué 28 January 2022

Quarantine Advisory Panel

Chaired by Sue Ash AO, the Quarantine Advisory Panel (Panel) is a Ministerial response to review quarantine arrangements in Western Australia (WA). The Panel is responsible to:

- provide advice and support the Hazard Management Agency, specifically 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 Panel endorsed the Assurance Working Group report as submitted to the meeting on the performance of Hotel Quarantine governance to date with the report and recommendations to be submitted to the CEO of the Department of Health by the end of January.
- The Panel reviewed the WA Quarantine System User Journey Maps final report and agreed a high-level summary of the maps will be endorsed for publication on the Panel's "WA.gov" web pages.
- It was agreed at the meeting the role of the Panel will continue to 30 June 2022. The Panel will continue to provide assurance, though now shifting focus as requested to reviewing certain aspects of the Centre for National Resilience Perth.
- The Panel will seek to confirm recommendations that Professor Weeramanthri's Review of WA's hotel quarantine arrangements have been satisfactorily implemented by the Department of Health. The Panel noted most recommendations have been considered by their Assurance Working Group and will look to close out this function to allow the Panel to focus more closely on emerging risks resulting from new variants of concern and reviewing certain aspects of the Centre for National Resilience – Perth as detailed above.

The next Communiqué will be on Friday, 4 March 2022.