EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT 2005 (WA)
Sections 61, 67, 71 and 72A

BIDYADANGA COMMUNITY COVID-19 LOCKDOWN DIRECTIONS


I, Craig Parkin, Superintendent, authorised officer, consider it reasonably necessary to give these directions to prevent, control or abate the risks associated with the emergency presented by the pandemic caused by COVID-19 pursuant to my powers under sections 67 and 72A of the Act.

PREAMBLE

1. The purpose of these directions is to prohibit the movement of people into and out of the affected area during the lockdown period, other than for one or more of the reasons specified in these directions, in order to limit the spread of COVID-19 and to protect vulnerable Aboriginal people in the affected area.

CITATION

2. These directions may be referred to as the Bidyadanga Community COVID-19 Lockdown Directions.

COMMENCEMENT AND DURATION

3. These directions come into effect upon signing and continue in effect until the end of the lockdown period.

OPERATION

4. These directions apply in addition to the Remote Aboriginal Communities Directions (No 4) and, to the extent of any inconsistency, these directions prevail.
DIRECTIONS
Leaving the affected area
5. A person who is in the affected area may only leave the affected area to travel to any place outside of the affected area:
   (a) to escape harm or the risk of harm, including harm relating to family violence or violence of another person at home; or
   (b) in an emergency; or
   (c) if the person is acting in compliance with a direction or instruction given by a relevant officer; or
   (d) if the person is a relevant officer.

Entering the affected area
6. A person who is outside of the affected area may only enter the affected area if the person:
   (a) is a relevant officer, or a person assisting a relevant officer; or
   (b) enters the affected area for medical or emergency purposes; or
   (c) is acting in compliance with a direction or instruction given by a relevant officer.

INTERPRETATION
7. 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
8. Affected area means the remote Aboriginal community of Bidyadanga, also known as La Grange, the spatial extent of which is defined by reference to the community layout plan endorsed by the Western Australian Planning Commission under State Planning Policy 3.2.

9. Authorised officer has the same meaning that it has in the Act.

   Note: At the time of making these directions, all police officers are authorised officers.
10. **Direction** includes a quarantine direction and any other direction under the Act or the *Public Health Act 2016* (WA), whether the direction is given orally or in writing.

11. **Emergency officer** has the same meaning that it has in the *Public Health Act 2016* (WA).

12. **Police officer** means a person appointed under Part I of the *Police Act 1892* (WA) to be a member of the Police Force of Western Australia.

13. **Relevant officer** means:

   (a) an **authorised officer**; or
   
   (b) an **emergency officer**; or
   
   (c) a **responsible officer**.

14. **Responsible officer** means:

   (a) an officer, employee or contractor of the Department of Health; or
   
   (b) an officer, employee or contractor of a health services provider; or
   
   (c) any other person authorised by the Chief Health Officer orally or in writing to perform a function for the purposes of these directions.

15. **Lockdown period** means the period beginning at the commencement of these directions and ending at midday on 26 February 2022 or such further period as specified in writing by the State Emergency Coordinator or a person authorised by him for that purpose.

**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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Craig Parkin
Superintendent

24 February 2022 07:30 hours