EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT 2005 (WA)

Sections 67 and 72A

CLOSE CONTACT DEFINITION AMENDMENT 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). 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 and 72A of the Act.

PREAMBLE

1. The purpose of these directions is to amend the definition of close contact where it appears in a range of directions to reflect the definition of close contact used in the COVID Transition (Testing and Isolation) Directions.

CITATION

 These directions may be referred to as the Close Contact Definition Amendment Directions.

COMMENCEMENT

3. These directions come into effect at the **effective date**.

DIRECTIONS

Meaning of close contact amended

4. In each of the directions listed in Schedule 1, notwithstanding the definition of the term close contact contained in those directions, on and from the effective date, the term close contact shall be amended to read as follows:

Close contact has the same meaning as in the COVID Transition (Testing and Isolation) Directions.

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DEFINITIONS

5. Effective date means 12.01am on 8 February 2022.

Christopher John Dawson Commissioner of Police and State Emergency Coordinator

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SCHEDULE 1

COVID Transition (Border Requirements) Directions DFES Interstate Firefighter Directions Air North (Crew and Engineer) Directions (No 2) Kuri Bay Worker Directions (No 2) Flight Crew Directions (No 10) Remote Aboriginal Communities Directions (No 3)