

Quarantine Advisory Panel Meeting 12 - Communiqué 6 May 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 (HMA), 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 having fulfilled their function under the current Terms of Reference will suspend as at 30 April 2022. The Minister for Health and Department of Health Director General indicated the Panel may be reconstituted should there be a requirement for oversight of state quarantine arrangements in the future.
- Following a review, the Panel confirmed all recommendations from Professor Weeramanthri's Review of WA's Hotel Quarantine Arrangements are fully implemented with the exception of one relating to data integrity and sharing. The HMA assured the Panel the recommendation will be included in planning for any future pandemic responses.
- The Panel's Final Report summarises the work of the Panel from June 2021 to April 2022, providing a brief overview of key achievements and projects completed. The Report includes information and advice relevant to future quarantine activities and will be submitted to the CEO of the HMA.
- The Chair, supported by the Panel, formally acknowledged the work and support of the Secretariat provided by the Department of Health.