

SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Meeting: 5 August 2021

Outcomes:

Reference	Action
3.3	The Committee recommend to the State Coordinator that travellers from Western Victoria could enter South Australia subject to Level 3 restrictions. The Local Government Areas to be included in this direction would be based on SA Health advice to SA Police out of session.

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 All members present.
- 1.2 Mr Rick Persse, Dr Evan Everest, Ms Jane Cox, Supt Stuart McLean and Mr Don Frater attended as guests.

2. AHPPC Update

- 2.1 CPHO provided the Committee with updates on outbreaks in Queensland, NSW and Victoria, as well as an additional case in WA.
- 2.2 CPHO noted greatest concern was in NSW, with a large number of cases who are not isolated in their infectious period, and positive detections in wastewater in a number of regional NSW locations.
- 2.3 CPHO advised the Committee of emerging cases in Victoria, with extensive exposure sites in Melbourne.

3. Cross Border travel update

- 3.1 The Committee considered border requirements with NSW and QLD should remain unchanged.
- 3.2 The Committee discussed the risk from Victoria, noting that while a cluster was emerging it appeared to be limited to Melbourne, with an additional wastewater detection near the NSW border, but reduced risk on the SA border.
- 3.3 Accordingly, the Committee agreed to recommend to the State Coordinator that travellers from Western Victoria could enter South Australia subject to Level 3 restrictions. The Local Government Areas to be included in this direction would be

based on SA Health advice to SA Police out of session.

4. Public Activities

- 4.1 The Committee discussed the published Doherty modelling on vaccination thresholds for the reopening of Australia, and noted it demonstrated that with the increased transmissibility and severity of the Delta strain, public health measures are likely to continue to be required even with 70-80% of the eligible population vaccinated.
- 4.2 The Committee noted that the public health measures modelled were from other states and territories and for example did not contemplate a density of 3 people per 4 square metres. The Committee agreed that jurisdictional specific modelling should be sought if possible.
- 4.3 The Committee noted current restrictions contemplated both residual risk from the Modbury outbreak and the threat from interstate outbreaks, and that the former should be resolved by the next meeting with a full incubation cycle having completed since the last exposure site.
- 4.4 The Committee noted Dr Chris Lease was working with church leaders regarding the resumption of congregational singing.
- 4.5 The Committee considered that the mask requirement including in schools should remain noting the dual risks but will be reconsidered at the next meeting.