

SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Meeting 24: 10 July

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 All members present.
- 1.2 Dr Evan Everest and AC Noel Bamford attended as guests. Ms Ingrid Norman attended as a guest and arrived during item 2.

2. AHPPC Update

- 2.1 CPHO advised the Committee that the Victorian second wave is significantly different to the first wave nationally, as it is predominantly community cases, not international travellers. A number of cases are in high risk settings including hospitals, aged care, and critical infrastructure.
- 2.2 CPHO advised continuing to review in advance of indicative date of 20 July to remove quarantine requirements for travellers from NSW and ACT.
- 2.3 CPHO noted preparation of a strategic paper through AHPPC [REDACTED]
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3. SA Border entry update

- 3.1 State Coordinator noted the incredible effort, late hours, and exemplary collaboration across agencies to introduce additional border control measures.
- 3.2 State Coordinator advised that roads into SA have been categorised and are either staffed by police, staffed by police and defence, or blocked to traffic.
- 3.3 A defence force liaison officer has been placed in the POC and at Mt Gambier, and local councils are assisting to place roadblocks.
- 3.4 The Committee discussed the 3 levels of border controls that now apply, depending on the jurisdiction of origin creates complexity and a risk of administrative or operational error.
- 3.5 SAPOL noted 10,000 pre-approvals have been processed.
- 3.6 SAPOL noted Victorian travellers without a valid reason to be in SA will be turned back, both at the road borders and on return flights as appropriate.

4. Quarantine capacity

- 4.1 The Committee noted a supervised quarantine capacity of approximately 1200 across 4 hotels. While 8 hotels have been identified for use, operationally only 4 will be in use simultaneously to allow turnover and cleaning.
- 4.2 The Committee noted that the repatriation of Australian citizens and permanent residents would have priority over the return of international students.
- 4.3 The Committee discussed a request from the independent member for Mildura to be exempt from travel and quarantine requirements that otherwise apply to Victorian travellers. The Committee declined this request.

5. Review low transmission zones

- 5.1 This item was included in the AHPPC update.

6. Any other business

- 6.1 The Committee noted the significant risk posed by the current caseload in Victoria.
- 6.2 The Committee noted that introduction of restrictions will be determined by the Control Agency and the State Coordinator and will not come to the Transition Committee in advance.
- 6.3 The Committee noted the need to focus on public messaging that indicates that restrictions may be reintroduced if necessary to manage public health risk in SA.