

# 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.