

SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Meeting 33: 14 August

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 State Coordinator Commissioner of Police Mr Grant Stevens was an apology.
- 1.2 Dr Evan Everest attended the meeting as a guest.

2. AHPPC update

- 2.1 CPHO discussed the modelling circulated with the Committee, noting that South Australia's modelled effective reproduction rate has increased from 1.11 to 1.13, indicating epidemic potential.
- 2.2 CPHO advised that AHPPC continued to discuss and monitor the situation in Victoria and New South Wales, where there are increasing concerns of community transmission in both states.
- 2.3 CPHO advised of the recent cluster in NZ, and that genomics tracing was being undertaken to determine the strain of infection, but the most likely source is human to human, not surface, transmission.
- 2.4 CPHO supported the New Zealand approach to cluster management, and indicated that a short term lockdown to investigate the source was appropriate in an otherwise unconstrained environment.

3. Risk Review

- 3.1 Absent the State Coordinator, the Committee discussed risks in general terms, and did not provide any new advice on border or public activity restrictions.
- 3.2 CE DHW discussed the new direction for aged care, noting the sector had been consulted widely and have time to prepare for the direction to take effect from 25 August.
- 3.3 The constraint on working across multiple sites is considered to be a critical risk management measure based on the Victorian outbreak evidence, but currently only applies to personal care workers. Exemptions can be granted where necessary.

4. Any other business

- 4.1 The Committee discussed the ongoing concern from Broken Hill elected members to be allowed to travel freely into SA. DHW advised exemptions are routinely being granted for Broken Hill residents to travel into SA for medial reasons.