



01 September 2020

COVID-19 Transition Committee

Meeting 39: 01 September 2020

Minutes

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

- 1.1. All members present.
- 1.2. Dr Evan Everest, Ms Ingrid Norman and AC Noel Bamford attended as guests.
- 1.3. Ms Kelly Biggins acted as Secretariat for this meeting.

2. **AHPPC update**

- 2.1. CPHO provided jurisdictional updates:
 - 2.1.1. NSW has seen additional cases with transmission linked to gyms and one known transmission event on public transport.
 - 2.1.2. Queensland has been able to trace all current cases to close contacts of the correctional services cases. There is no sustained community transmission at this point.
 - 2.1.3. Victoria is looking much better and there are no active cases in border communities. Victoria's attention will now move to how it will lift out of lockdown.
- 2.2. SAPOL noted the impact on SA police resources of escorting interstate travellers (arriving by road) to mandatory hotel quarantine. SA Health and SAPOL will discuss operational implications offline.
- 2.3. The Committee discussed the recent SA Health warning to travellers returning to SA from QLD. SAPOL confirmed that passengers transiting through Adelaide Airport are being provided with a package of information about symptoms and testing requirements.
- 2.4. CPHO provided an update on the national discussion on 'hot spots'. The Committee discussed the complexities of defining hot spots as a border control tool, noting that each State and Territory currently uses the term to trigger different actions. The term has broader use in each jurisdiction's COVID management approaches. SAPOL noted that policing of border controls based on defining hot spots relies heavily on travellers being aware what constitutes a hot spot in the relevant jurisdiction.
- 2.5. CPHO provided a brief update on the development of vaccines around the world, noting that the Flinders and University of Queensland vaccines are at Stage 1 trials.

3. **Economic update**

3.1. CE, DTF provided an update on the national economy – noting that we should expect incremental upturn from hereon.

4. **Border restrictions**

4.1. The Committee discussed the complex operational implications of re-opening SA to ACT residents. The Committee noted that two weeks of no community transmission in NSW should be achieved to reconsider re-opening. The committee did not recommend opening the border to ACT residents at this time.

4.2. CE, DTI provided an update on SA's application to the Australian government regarding international students.

4.3. SA Health provided an update on SA's capacity for hotel quarantine. Across 4 large hotels there are approximately 1000 beds available which can accommodate a maximum occupancy of 1300 people at any one time.

ACTION: SA Health will provide the Premier further evidence about bed capacity to support the international student bid.

5. **Public activity restrictions**

5.1. SAPOL provided an update on community compliance with the newest restrictions. Approximately 100,000 people have undertaken COVID Marshal training. SAPOL are continuing to work with businesses, particularly non-English speaking businesses, to educate about the new requirements.

5.2. The committee discussed the upcoming Schoolies Festival. CPHO noted that SA Health is continuing to have discussions with organisers and accommodation providers, noting that local Council are not supportive of the event proceeding in its current format. CPHO noted that she recently met with youth representatives to discuss their views and possible alternatives. The committee agreed that personal safety is a paramount concern in whatever decision is made.