

# SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

## Meeting 42: 11 September

### Minutes

#### 1. Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 Professor Nicola Spurrier on leave and represented by Deputy Chief Public Health Officer Dr Chris Lease. All other members present. Dr Chris McGowan attended by telephone.
- 1.2 Ms Ingrid Norman and AC Noel Bamford attended as guests.

#### 2. AHPPC update

- 2.1 CPHO advised that AHPPC continues to discuss the identification of hotspots, noting the operational challenges of defining a hotspot for both the jurisdiction in which the hotspot occurs and other jurisdictions who may contemplate travel restrictions.
- 2.2 The Committee discussed the operational difficulty of putting a “boundary” around a hot spot, and whether such a definition captures people who live, work or visit such a location.
- 2.3 CPHO provided an update on cases in Victoria, NSW and Queensland, noting a drop in cases of unknown source in Victoria but a corresponding drop in testing rates.

#### 3. Risk Review

- 3.1 SAPOL advised that there were no changes in border crossing operations and that the ADF are providing assistance in hotel quarantine.
- 3.2 The Committee discussed the COVID-19 transmission levels in NSW and ACT.
- 3.3 CPHO advised NSW experiences continuing community transmission and cases of unknown source.
- 3.4 The Committee noted the challenges of operationally distinguishing ACT from NSW noting unrestricted movement between the two jurisdictions.
- 3.5 The Committee discussed the public activities restriction requiring seated consumption, and whether this could be relaxed noting reduced cases in Victoria.
- 3.6 The Committee noted the need to consider all border and public activities restrictions together as a package to mitigate risk.
- 3.7 The Committee discussed other jurisdictions where standing consumption is allowed, and noted that on balance SA has the highest risk tolerance when considering allowable activities and allowable travellers.

**4. Any other business**

- 4.1 The Committee noted that the Zoo are seeking additional patron numbers, and noted that this would be handed through the established SA Health COVID Management Plan process.
- 4.2 SA Health advised the Committee that international aircrew will be directed to undertake supervised hotel quarantine.