

SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Meeting 43: 15 September

Outcomes:

Reference	Action
4.7	The Committee agreed to recommend to the State Coordinator that travellers from ACT should not be required to quarantine on arrival to SA.

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.

2. AHPPC update

- 2.1 CPHO provided an update on work AHPPC is undertaking on defining and operationalising areas of community transmission that would allow states and territories to use border controls that would protect them from zones with higher transmission.
- 2.2 CPHO provided an update on COVID cases in other jurisdictions and noted cases of unknown origin identified in NSW in the previous week.

3. Economic update

- 3.1 CE DTF provided the Committee with an overview of the package of supports announced in Victoria including deferral of payroll tax, grants to small businesses and further assistance for sole traders.

4. Risk Review

- 4.1 CPHO tabled a paper at the meeting on options for travellers from ACT and NSW, supported by the independent views of all Deputy CPHOs.
- 4.2 Noting the CPHOs advice on ongoing community transmission and cases of unknown origin in NSW, the Committee discussed the potential of designating ACT as a low community transmission zone within the Emergency Management Direction on Cross-Border Travel.
- 4.3 The Committee noted the public health advice that removing the quarantine requirement would increase the risk of transmission, but also noted that while there was free travel between NSW and ACT, this had yet to result in seeding in ACT.

- 4.4 The Committee noted that removing the quarantine requirements for travellers from ACT would increase traveller numbers, which will provide improved economic outcomes, particularly in tourism.
- 4.5 In addition to the public health advice, the Committee gave consideration to the constitutional elements in support of easing of travel restrictions as soon as the risk is considered acceptable.
- 4.6 Accordingly, the advice of the Committee on balance is that it would be an acceptable risk to remove the quarantine requirements for travellers from the ACT with the mitigation (currently provided in the travel approval form) that the traveller has not been outside the ACT in the previous 14 days.
- 4.7 Accordingly, the Committee agreed to recommend to the State Coordinator that travellers from ACT should not be required to quarantine on arrival to SA.

5. Any other business

- 5.1 Nil