

SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Meeting 46: 25 September 2020

Outcomes:

Reference	Action
3.11	The Committee agreed that we should allow two incubation cycles (28 days) to review the impact of allowing travel from NSW without quarantine, but that at that time, should consider releasing restrictions to their final, COVID normal baseline. Interim measures may be contemplated where appropriate.

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 Mr David Reynolds was an apology. All remaining members present.
- 1.2 Mr Don Frater, Dr Evan Everest, Ms Ingrid Norman and AC Noel Bamford attended as guests.

2. AHPPC update

- 2.1 CPHO advised that AHPPC had received a briefing on the review into hotel quarantine which noted the success of the South Australian model.
- 2.2 AHPPC continue to pursue with the Commonwealth an interoperable data warehouse for more rapid sharing of information between jurisdictions.
- 2.3 CPHO noted concerns about the transmission potential on domestic air travel, as reduced quarantine requirements for interstate travel rapidly escalate the number of flights, and that there is now definitive published evidence of transmission on flights.

3. Risk Review

Borders

- 3.1 SAPOL noted a significant increase in travel applications from NSW, increasing from 50-60 per day to 3,330 yesterday.
- 3.2 The Committee discussed the paper prepared by the Department for Health and Wellbeing on facilitating travel from Victoria with quarantine.
- 3.3 The Committee noted that the approach to Victorian travellers will be more conservative than other jurisdiction noting the continued persistent community transmission.

- 3.4 The Committee noted that rather than using set dates as indicated in the paper, regular review of public health measures in Victoria and enforcement considerations in SA would be undertaken to determine appropriate timing. Accordingly, there are likely to be fewer steps than proposed for operational simplicity and community understanding.
- 3.5 The Committee noted the operational challenges in distinguishing between travellers from regional Victoria and metropolitan Melbourne, with no knowledge or input into the operation of the internal measures in Victoria.

Public activities

- 3.6 The Committee discussed a paper prepared by the Secretariat to prompt discussion.
- 3.7 The Committee noted the need for more detailed economic information about which measures would make the greatest difference to economic recovery.
- 3.8 CPHO noted that ongoing baseline restrictions will be required and that there should also be focus on how to maximise economic output within such constraints.
- 3.9 CPHO advised AHPPC is hoping to consider which baseline restrictions ought to remain in a final, COVID normal state.
- 3.10 The Committee agreed that we should allow two incubation cycles (28 days) to review the impact of allowing travel from NSW without quarantine before making further changes to directions, but that at that time, should consider revising restrictions to their final, COVID normal baseline.
- 3.11 Further interim measures may be considered where appropriate.
- 3.12 The Commissioner noted that the public activities direction would be amended to set specific requirements for Schoolies celebrations.

4. Any other business

- 4.1 The Committee discussed the proposed NZ travel bubble.
- 4.2 CPHO noted AHPPC had not yet received detailed information from NZ Health that would allow a comprehensive risk assessment of such travellers not being required to quarantine but that such information was expected to be forthcoming.