

SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Meeting 48: 6 October 2020

Outcomes:

Reference	Action
3.6	The Committee agreed to recommend to the State Coordinator that the requirement for travellers from New Zealand to quarantine be reviewed on or after 16 October 2020.
4.2	The Committee agreed to recommend to the State Coordinator that the cross-border travel zone be extended to 70 km on each side of the SAVictoria border.
4.3	The Committee agreed to recommend to the State Coordinator that travellers transiting through Victorian airports should still require quarantine on arrival.
4.6	The Committee agreed to recommend to the State Coordinator that NSW travellers who have transited through Victoria by road on a specific route not be required to quarantine.

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 Dr Chris McGowen on leave and represented by Mr Don Frater.
- 1.2 Dr Evan Everest, Ms Ingrid Norman and AC Noel Bamford attended as guests.

2. AHPPC update

- 2.1 CPHO noted discussion of protocols on air travel as proposed by SA were still under discussion.

3. New Zealand Travel Bubble

- 3.1 The Committee noted that the Prime Minister announced that travellers from New Zealand would not require quarantine in the Northern Territory and New South Wales from 16 October 2020.
- 3.2 The Committee noted that while travellers from the NT and NSW are not required to quarantine in South Australia, this is reliant upon their declaration that they have not travelled overseas in the past 14 days. Accordingly onward NZ travellers arriving in

SA would be required to quarantine. The Committee recommended to the State Coordinator that this is clearly communicated.

- 3.3 CPHO provided an update on the specifics of the outbreak and quarantine breach in New Zealand, and noted that they remain at a higher level of restrictions than South Australia, with maximum gatherings of 100 in any venue. Two infectious cases had visited a number of locations while infectious and the effect of this is not yet known.
- 3.4 The Committee noted that people travelling to (or back to) New Zealand would be required to quarantine on arrival, and that without reciprocal arrangements direct flights between Adelaide and Auckland are unlikely to resume.
- 3.5 While there may be tourism benefits to allowing travellers from New Zealand without quarantine, there is limited opportunity for cargo exports to New Zealand.
- 3.6 The Committee agreed to recommend to the State Coordinator that the requirement for travellers from New Zealand to quarantine be reviewed on or after 16 October 2020.

4. Transit through Victoria and cross-border communities

- 4.1 The Committee noted health advice that the cross border travel zone could be extended to 70 km either side of the SA and Victoria border, and this would capture the majority of exemptions sought for work and access to services.
- 4.2 Accordingly, the Committee agreed to recommend to the State Coordinator that the cross-border travel zone be extended to 70 km on each side of the SA/Victoria border. This would capture a number of communities where residents are seeking exemptions for travel.
- 4.3 The Committee noted that a Tullamarine airport staff member had tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 14 days and accordingly agreed to recommend to the State Coordinator that travellers transiting through Victorian airports should still require quarantine on arrival.
- 4.4 SAPOL advised that they are confident that they can operationalise an exemption to quarantine requirements for travellers arriving from NSW via road, who have transited through Victoria.
- 4.5 SA Health advised that there was limited risk in allowing NSW travellers arriving by road on a specified route through Victoria to forgo quarantine, provided that they were not stopping and anyone not genuinely arriving from NSW could be identified.
- 4.6 Accordingly, the Committee agreed to recommend to the State Coordinator that NSW travellers who have transited through Victoria by road not be required to quarantine.

5. Any other business

- 5.1 The Committee noted ongoing discussions on the arrival and quarantine requirements for travellers under the Pacific Islander Labour Mobility Scheme.