

SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Meeting 51: 20 October

Outcomes:

Reference	Action
3.3	Recommend to the State Coordinator that travellers who have been in New Zealand for the previous 14 days are not required to quarantine upon arrival, provided they did not transit through Victoria.
3.4	Recommend to the State Coordinator that within 70 km either side of the SA/Victoria border, travellers be permitted to enter SA for any reason and travel any distance within the 70 km border zone.
3.8	Recommend to the Commissioner that additional reasons to enter South Australia from Victoria be allowed, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) People returning from study in Victoria on a temporary basisb) Permanent genuine relocation to South Australiac) People passing through South Australia to WA or NT

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 All members were present.
- 1.2 Dr Evan Everest, A/Supt Adam Rice, Ms Jane Cox and Ms Ingrid Norman attended as guests.

2. AHPPC update

- 2.1 CPHO provided an update on the situation in Victoria, noting that while there were low case numbers, it was of concern that there remain 15 cases of unknown origin in the last 14 days.
- 2.2 CPHO advised that in NSW, subsequent investigations had revealed a likely location source for the previously unlinked positive case. Accordingly, the risk of quarantine free travel from NSW remains acceptable at this time.
- 2.3 However, the potential of large numbers of NSW travellers attending the NRL match in Adelaide may create the risk of a super-spreader event. This risk will be

monitored closely in advance of the match with appropriate mitigations if deemed necessary by SA Health.

3. Risk Review

Onward overseas travellers (New Zealand)

- 3.1 SAPOL advised that several onward New Zealand travellers have been identified and quarantined upon arrival in South Australia.
- 3.2 CPHO provided the Committee with an update on a recent case in Auckland, having had a direct conversation with the Director of Public Health in the NZ Ministry of Health.
- 3.3 The Committee noted the low case numbers and low risk presented by New Zealand travellers, and accordingly agreed to recommend to the State Coordinator that travellers who have been in New Zealand for the previous 14 days are not required to quarantine upon arrival, provided they did not transit through Victoria.

Close border communities

- 3.4 The Committee noted a proposal and agreed to recommend to the State Coordinator that within 70 km either side of the SA/Victoria border, travellers be permitted to enter SA for any reason and travel any distance within the 70 km border zone.

Exemptions

- 3.5 The Committee noted concerns about the timeliness and communications of the exemptions process are a risk to public confidence in the management of the process.
- 3.6 SA Health noted the large volume of exemptions requests received and the need to frequently request further supporting information from applicants as creating delays in the process.

Additional reasons for travel

- 3.7 The Committee noted that exemptions are being offered to some travellers who have reason to enter South Australia not provided in the current Cross-Border travel direction. This includes people permanently relocating to South Australia.
- 3.8 Accordingly, the Committee agreed to recommend to the Commissioner that additional reasons to enter South Australia from Victoria be allowed, including:
 - d) People returning from study in Victoria on a temporary basis
 - e) Permanent genuine relocation to South Australia
 - f) People passing through South Australia to WA or NT