

SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Meeting 75: 16 February 2021

Outcomes:

Reference	Action
2.2	The Committee recommended to the State Coordinator that once the Victorian lockdown has lifted, travellers from regional Victoria will be allowed to enter South Australia, provided they undertake testing and do not attend COVID Management Plan events.
3.1	the Committee agreed to recommend to the State Coordinator that travellers from Greater Melbourne be allowed to enter South Australia 14 days after the last community exposure, and be required to test on days 1, 5, and 12 and isolate until their first test is undertaken

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 Dr Chris McGowan attended by telephone. All other members present.
- 1.2 Dr Evan Everest, Ms Ingrid Norman, and Mr Adam Rice attended as guests.

2. AHPPC update

- 2.1 The CPHO provided an update on the Victorian outbreak, with 2 new cases and increasing community exposure sites.
- 2.2 The Committee discussed and recommended to the State Coordinator that once the Victorian lockdown has lifted, travellers from regional Victoria will be allowed to enter South Australia, provided they undertake testing and do not attend COVID Management Plan events.
- 2.3 The CPHO provided an update on the New Zealand outbreak, and noted that the Commonwealth is consulting with states who receive direct flights about border arrangements.
- 2.4 AHPPC is also developing a paper for National Cabinet on hotel quarantine standards.

3. Cross Border Travel

- 3.1 In addition to the recommendation above, the Committee agreed to recommend to the State Coordinator that travellers from Greater Melbourne be allowed to enter

South Australia 14 days after the last community exposure, and be required to test on days 1, 5, and 12 and isolate until their first test is undertaken.

- 3.2 The Committee noted the increasing complexity of travel restrictions, and the need to ensure that these were easily understood by both travellers and border officers.
- 3.3 The Committee noted that there is a need to balance simplicity against the application of a restriction where it has reduced utility to manage public health risks.

4. Economic update

- 4.1 No new data available.

5. Public activities restrictions

- 5.1 No changes recommended.

6. Any other business

- 6.1 The Committee discussed alternative options for managing COVID outside of the Emergency Management framework which includes the declaration of a major emergency.
- 6.2 They noted this is ultimately a matter for Cabinet but any future arrangement would need to allow sufficient flexibility and rapid decision making to adequately respond to emerging risks.