

# SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

## Meeting 77: 24 February 2021

### Outcomes:

Reference	Action
3.1	The Committee agreed to recommend to the State Coordinator that travellers from Greater Melbourne be free to enter South Australia with no further requirements from 0001 hours 26 February
5.6	The Committee agreed to recommend to the State Coordinator that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dancing be allowed in venues of fewer than 200 people</li><li>• In venues greater than 200 people, dancing be allowed on a designated dance floor with a maximum of 50 people</li></ul>

### Minutes

#### 2. Welcome and apologies

- 2.1 Ms Leonie Muldoon and Dr Chris McGowan were apologies. All other members present.
- 2.2 Ms Ingrid Norman, Mr Adam Rice, Dr Chris Lease and Mr Don Frater attended as guests.
- 2.3 The Chair advised the Committee of the creation of a National Cabinet Task Force to consider issues associated with economic recovery in the context of ongoing management of COVID, including developing a common operating picture of economic and vaccination progress.

#### 3. AHPPC update

- 3.1 CPHO advised that quarantine free travel from NZ has recommenced.
- 3.2 A full day in person AHPPC meeting will be held in March to discuss the implications of vaccine rollout on COVID restrictions.

#### 4. Cross Border Travel

- 4.1 As no new exposure sites have been identified, the Committee agreed to recommend to the State Coordinator that travellers from Greater Melbourne be free to enter South Australia with no further requirements from 0001 hours 26 February.

#### 5. Economic update

- 5.1 CE DTF noted latest confidence and labour force data information.
- 5.2 The Committee noted that domestic flights are 40% on pre COVID figures, though intrastate recreational travel has increased.

## 6. Public activities

- 6.1 CPHO provided the Committee with modelling on variants of concern provided to AHPPC, and noted that there are more cases of variants of concerns among positive cases acquired overseas.
- 6.2 The Committee noted that the modelling indicated restrictions capable of limiting an outbreak of COVID would be ineffective against a variant of concern. Modelling indicates that with current restrictions SA has a  $R_{eff}$  of 1.54 but this would be 2.07 with a variant of concern.
- 6.3 CPHO noted that a key characteristic of COVID was overdispersion, meaning that a minority of infected individuals (~ 10%) are responsible for an unexpectedly high percentage of transmission (~ 80%).
- 6.4 CPHO noted that caps on certain activities allow any outbreak from those activities to be managed within contact tracing capacity.
- 6.5 The Committee noted that the COVID Management Plans allowed tailored risk-managed approaches for specific venues and activities, including allowing dancing.
- 6.6 The Committee agreed to recommend to the State Coordinator that:
  - Dancing be allowed in venues of fewer than 200 people
  - In venues greater than 200 people, dancing be allowed on a designated dance floor with a maximum of 50 people
- 6.7 The Committee noted the need to continue to plan for the relaxation of restrictions in the context of vaccine rollout.