

SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Meeting 94: 13 July 2021

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 Prof Nicola Spurrier was an apology.
- 1.2 Dr Chris Lease, Dr Evan Everest, Dr Emily Kirkpatrick, Mr Don Frater and Ms Jane Cox attended as guests.

2. AHPPC update

- 2.1 A/CPHO provided an update on the situation in Greater Sydney and the likelihood of lockdowns needing to be extended. High case numbers particularly derive from larger family groups, where a 100% infection rate is emerging, but there is a chance that the peak is also partially caused by NSW Health now deploying more mobile rapid testing units and therefore picking up new cases more quickly. Compliance with lockdowns/restrictions is now increasing in Sydney.
- 2.2 Victoria reported two new cases in the community, which were connected to known NSW cases. The level of concern appears relatively low.
- 2.3 Queensland has now had 7 days of no community cases, and plans to ease restrictions later this week.
- 2.4 The Delta Variant of Concern's increased transmissibility was again emphasised, as were indications that the hospitalisation rate and instances of severe disease are also much higher than with previous strains.

3. Cross Border Travel

- 3.1 The Committee recommended to the State Coordinator that South Australia's border restrictions with Queensland be eased to Level 3 Restrictions for all of Queensland, commencing 00:01 am this Friday.
- 3.2 All Queensland arrivals currently in quarantine in South Australia would also move to Level 3 Restrictions at that time.
- 3.3 No changes to the border restrictions on New South Wales and the ACT were recommended.

5. Any other business

- 5.1 The Committee agreed to move to an exceptions-based model for endorsing minutes, where members have 24 hours to request any changes to minutes. Nil response will be taken as agreement.

- 5.2 The Committee also noted its intention to move to a more regular rhythm of proactively disclosing minutes.
- 5.3 In relation to the standing FOI matter, the Committee agreed to seek further advice regarding some of the more sensitive documents and sections relevant to SA and National Cabinet (including AHPPC as a subcommittee of National Cabinet), as well as the Australian Football League. There was a general consensus that the other documents could be released.
- 5.4 The Chair agreed to propose next steps to the Committee out-of-session.