

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT 2005 (WA)

Sections 67, 70 and 72A

CONTROLLED BORDER FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA AMENDMENT DIRECTIONS (NO 6)

The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic on 11 March 2020.

On 15 March 2020, the Minister for Emergency Services declared a state of emergency with effect from 12 a.m. on 16 March 2020 in respect of the pandemic caused by COVID-19 pursuant to section 56 of the *Emergency Management Act 2005* (WA) (Act). The state of emergency applies to the State of Western Australia.

I, Christopher John Dawson, Commissioner of Police and State Emergency Coordinator, now give the following directions, pursuant to my powers under sections 67, 70 and 72A of the Act.

PREAMBLE

1. These directions amend the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions (**Primary Directions**) and are for the purpose of preventing the importation of COVID-19 into Western Australia and otherwise limiting the spread of COVID-19 in Western Australia.

CITATION

2. These directions may be referred to as the **Controlled Border for Western Australia Amendment Directions (No 6)**.

COMMENCEMENT

3. These directions come into effect at 12.01 am on 20 December 2020.

DIRECTIONS

4. The Primary Directions are amended by:
 - (a) inserting after paragraph 4 and the note accompanying paragraph 4 the following paragraph:
 - 4A. A person, other than an **international arrival**, who has been in New South Wales:
 - (a) after the **relevant time**; and
 - (b) in the 14 days before the person enters Western Australia,

must comply with the New South Wales Outbreak Response Directions (No 3) and not these directions, unless otherwise stated.

Note: This paragraph ensures that persons who have been in New South Wales after the relevant time and in the 14 days before entering Western Australia are dealt with under specific directions given to address the New South Wales outbreak of COVID-19. Under those directions, persons must not enter Western Australia unless they are approved to enter Western Australia as an approved traveller, and may be required to quarantine immediately following their entry into Western Australia.

- (b) inserting after paragraph 5 and the note accompanying paragraph 5 the following paragraph:

5A. If, after a person has entered Western Australia, the person is informed by authorities in another Australian State or Territory that they are a close contact, the person must immediately:

- (a) telephone 13 COVID (13 268 43) and tell the operator that they have been informed that they are a close contact by authorities in another Australian State or Territory; and
- (b) comply with the Quarantine and Isolation (Undiagnosed) Directions (No 2) as if the person had been informed by a **relevant officer** that they are a close contact.

5B. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in a **specified arrangement**, a person who is subject to a specified arrangement must comply with paragraph 5A.

- (c) deleting "**international arrival**" in paragraph 6 and inserting in its place "international arrival";
- (d) deleting "**specified arrangement**" in paragraph 6(e) and inserting in its place "specified arrangement".
- (e) deleting the note beneath paragraph 6 and inserting in its place the following note:

Note: Even if you have not been in a restricted location, you will still need to self-quarantine if you have knowingly been in direct contact with a person who

has been in one of those places, namely, New South Wales or South Australia, or another place outside of Australia. Direct contact is defined in the definitions section of these directions.

(f) inserting after paragraph 36 the following paragraph:

36A. **Relevant time** means 12.01 am on 11 December 2020.

(g) deleting "**relevant officer**" in paragraph 11(d) and inserting in its place "relevant officer".

5. For the avoidance of doubt, I confirm that the Primary Directions continue in effect as in force immediately before the time specified in paragraph 3 of these directions but, from that time, as amended by paragraph 4 of these directions.



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Christopher John Dawson

Commissioner of Police and State Emergency Coordinator

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