



MEDIA RELEASE

Removal of quarantine requirement for travellers from NSW and ACT from October 1st.

The EMT met to consider the current quarantine requirement for travellers to Norfolk Island from New South Wales (NSW) and the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) today Thursday 17 September 2020.

There are no active cases in the ACT and the level of community transmission in NSW remains very low. Providing there are no major changes associated with the risk from people from these areas, from the 1st of October it has been decided that the existing blanket 14-day quarantine requirement will be removed for travellers from NSW and the ACT. Travellers from NSW and ACT local government areas that meet the proposed Commonwealth hotspot definition will not be granted an Entry Pass.

The existing ban for travellers from Victoria will remain and reviewed by EMT when the risk from this state is also regarded as low.

The Commonwealth trigger for consideration of a COVID-19 hotspot in a metropolitan area is the rolling 3-day average (average over 3 days) is 10 locally acquired cases per day. This equates to over 30 cases in 3 consecutive days.

The Commonwealth trigger for consideration of a COVID-19 hotspot in a rural or regional area is the rolling 3-day average (average over 3 days) is 3 locally acquired cases per day. This equates to 9 cases over 3 consecutive days.

Changes to the Entry Pass system to reflect these changes will be made prior to October 1st.

This will mean that providing there is no escalation of cases, visitors from NSW and ACT will be allowed to come to the island without having to undertake quarantine.

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Incident Controller