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### *Travel Restrictions from Victoria*

Cases of COVID-19 in Victoria continue to fall. EMT has adopted the Commonwealth hot-spot definition to assist in managing travel restrictions. The process of Commonwealth hot-spot definition can be found at <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/listing-areas-of-covid-19-local-transmission-as-hotspots-for-the-purpose-of-provision-of-commonwealth-support>. The Commonwealth will publish a list of hot spots following the definition process.

In the interim returning residents and essential personnel will be granted Entry Permits to the island however they will be required to undergo 14-day quarantine. We will monitor the New South Wales (NSW) border restrictions with Victoria and consider relaxing the current restrictions when the border is opened.

### *Travel from New Zealand*

A travel bubble between New Zealand and Australia has been announced for those States and Territories that adopt the Commonwealth hot-spot definition. From October 16<sup>th</sup> travellers from New Zealand will be allowed to fly to NSW and the Northern Territory without having to undergo quarantine.

EMT has decided travellers from New Zealand will be allowed to travel to the island without having to undergo local quarantine. They will have to have been in New Zealand for the 14 days prior to travel, not traveling from a defined hot-spot, not been in contact with a confirmed case and are symptom-free at the time of travel. They can travel through Sydney or Brisbane and will have to apply for an Entry pass in the 72 hours before travel to the island. Currently there are no hot-spots in New Zealand.

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