



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

*Requirement for self-isolation for travellers from some of the Greater Sydney area remain.*

EMT considered the existing requirement for travellers from some Sydney LGA's to undergo local self-isolation for 14 days upon arriving in the island. It was decided to keep this requirement in place until there are 14 days of no community transmission in the area. Based on the most recent information the last locally acquired case was on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Providing there are no new locally acquired cases in the currently restricted areas the local self-isolation requirement will be lifted from Tuesday January 26<sup>th</sup>.

The areas to which the self-isolation requirement applies is for travellers to the island from the following LGA's: -

- City of Blacktown
- City of Canada Bay
- City of Canterbury-Bankstown
- City of Fairfield
- City of Parramatta
- Cumberland Council
- Inner West Council
- Municipality of Burwood
- Municipality of Strathfield

*Hot spots and travel restrictions to the island.*

At today's meeting it was agreed that when a cluster is identified in an area EMT will declare that area a hot spot with respect to travel to the island. Upon the area having no further locally acquired cases for 14 days the hot spot declaration will be removed. It is anticipated that this approach will provide some clarity going forward with respect to the island's travel restrictions.

*Travelling from Norfolk Island to other States and Territories*

For the purposes of travelling to other States and Territories Norfolk Island is generally not regarded as part of NSW and for COVID-19 purposes operates as a separate jurisdiction. Since there has been no cases of COVID-19 on the island it is regarded as an exceptionally low risk location.

It is important that you check the entry requirements of the jurisdiction that you are travelling to when leaving the island. The requirements are often changing daily, and it is important that you check them before departing. EMNI and EMT has no control over the requirements that are placed by other jurisdictions and therefore cannot aid in individual travellers' difficulties in Australia.

*Accessing essential services whilst in self-isolation*

If you are undergoing self-isolation on the island and there is a requirement to access essential services (tradesman etc.) there are protocols that were established early in the pandemic to ensure that you can obtain the service whilst protecting personnel and the community.



If you are in isolation and need these services, please contact the Incident Controller who will ensure that the appropriate service provider can enter your property and undertake the work consistent with COVID safe protocols.

For any questions about the COVID-19 response on Norfolk Island, please visit the Norfolk Island Regional Council website: <http://www.norfolkisland.gov.nf/covid-19-advice-norfolk-island> in the first instance or contact Detective Sergeant Glenn Elder, IMT Incident Controller at IO-Norfolk-Island@afp.gov.au or +6723 22222.

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