



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### *Greater Brisbane 3-day lockdown and travel to Norfolk Island*

The Queensland Government has announced this morning that it will be placing the Greater Brisbane into a three-day lockdown from 5pm today March 29<sup>th</sup>. This is a result of further community transmission. It is to be reviewed on Wednesday.

In respect to travel to the island, people from the local government areas of Brisbane, Moreton Bay, Ipswich, Redlands and Logan are prevented from leaving their homes. Leaving to go on holiday is not a reason that is permitted. This is a Queensland Government Health requirement and means that anyone from these areas cannot travel to the island during the lockdown period.

Anyone who arrives on the island from the Greater Brisbane area from today (March 29<sup>th</sup>) will be required to self-isolate at home until released by NIHRACS. This includes residents returning who have been in the Greater Brisbane lockdown area.

These restrictions only apply to Greater Brisbane and people coming to the island from other parts of Queensland can travel as normal. They do need to check the requirements associated with travelling through the Greater Brisbane area to the airport. Transit through the Brisbane airport from other States and Territories does not appear to be affected by the lockdown.

Anyone with even mild symptoms should contact NIHRACS and get tested immediately.

This measure by the Queensland Government is a precautionary measure and people from the Greater Brisbane area who are already on the island are not a risk to the community and do not need to isolate. When they return to Brisbane they will be required to go into lockdown until the Queensland Government removes the restriction.

EMT will continue to monitor the situation.

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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