



MEDIA RELEASE

Maintaining restrictions for people arriving from NSW and the ACT

As announced earlier in the week EMT has decided to maintain the current restriction applying to people who have spent time in NSW or the ACT in the preceding 14 days. Based on a continuing, but low level of community transmission in NSW it was decided to extend the current restriction for a further seven (7) days. This means that up to the 31st of July anybody who has spent time in NSW, or the ACT is required to quarantine for 14 days on arrival into the island.

This requirement does not apply to passengers who have had to transit through Sydney airport in the same day on the way to Norfolk from the other states. The island remains closed to people from Victoria and hotspots listed on the Queensland Government website and entry passes will be denied from these areas. The Queensland Government website is updated regularly and includes hotspots that have emerged in NSW. Therefore, people from these areas will also be denied an Entry Pass to the island.

It is the origin of the passenger not the origin of the flight that determines who must go into quarantine. Therefore, some people arriving on the Sydney flight who had just transited through the airport from other states are not required to quarantine on the island. Conversely, people who had spent time in NSW or the ACT and arrived on the island on the Brisbane flight do have to quarantine on the island.

Anybody, feeling sick or with symptoms associated with COVID-19 should not travel to the island. It is when you first develop symptoms of the disease that you are most infective, so if after being issued with an Entry Pass to the island, you come down with symptoms, delay your travel, get tested and stay at home or in your accommodation until you receive your test result.

Always remember consistent adherence to physical distancing and hygiene is your best protection against contracting coronavirus anywhere.

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