Entry Information into Queensland.

Following from the Queensland Government's tightening of border restrictions last week and the requirement for people from New South Wales (NSW) to go into 14 days' quarantine, we have sought clarification of Queensland's requirements for people arriving from the island.

EMT has received the following information from the Queensland State Incident Controller, Queensland Health, in relation to their border requirements for people travelling from Norfolk Island:

"In terms of our border restrictions:

- *Norfolk Island is part of Australia and therefore not considered an 'overseas' country.*
- *Norfolk Island is not part of NSW and Victoria and is NOT a hotspot.*
- *Therefore, Norfolk Island residents are allowed entry into Qld as per residents from South Australia, Western Australia, Northern Territory, Tasmania".*

This information will be placed on the NIRC EMNI page and forwarded to wholesalers through Norfolk Island Tourism and Visitor Information Centre.

Restrictions applying to NSW and ACT to remain until August 31ˢᵗ

It has been decided that the current restrictions applying to travellers from NSW and the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) will remain in force until 31 August. EMT will review the level of community transmission in NSW and ACT each week. If the level of community transmission remains low, a decision will be made in respect to potentially lifting the current restriction from 1 September.

Entry Pass system and local quarantine

The Norfolk Island Entry Pass system is working well and providing good information to the Incident Controller in respect of people coming to the island. Travellers that present a risk to the community are being denied entry and those with low risk are being required to undertake 14 days' quarantine on the island.

The Norfolk Island Police are working with NIHRACS to monitor people on the island who are required to undergo quarantine and the system is working well. If anybody is identified as breaching the requirements, they, and the people they have been in contact with, are also required to quarantine and are monitored. People undergoing the quarantine requirement do so to protect the rest of the community. Those undertaking the 14 day-quarantine need to take it seriously and are to be thanked for taking responsibility for the health and safety of the community.

If you are aware of people who should be in quarantine and are not taking this seriously, please contact the Incident Controller or Norfolk Island Police who will follow this up.

COVID safe plans and visitors

The island has been open to visitors for more than a month now and it is pleasing to see visitors slowly returning to the island.

The Entry Pass system, local quarantine, COVID safe plans, physical distancing and hygiene requirements are a multi-level system that has been established to reduce the risk of the virus coming to the island and reducing local spread should it be detected on island. Most businesses on the island have prepared COVID safe plans to ensure that both the visitors and the community are as safe as possible in respect to

COVID-19. It is important that when you attend these businesses, you follow their plans as they are there to keep you, the staff and everybody else on the island safe.

Residents, visitors, and essential workers are all processed through the multi-level system in place and as a result present a very low risk to the island community.

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