

Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC)

Emergency Teleconference

Novel Coronavirus (2019 – nCoV)

Sunday 2 February 2020 1400 – 1500 AEDT

Outcomes

Members attending	
Prof Brendan Murphy	Commonwealth Chief Medical Officer
Prof Paul Kelly	A/g CMO
Dr Andrew Robertson	Chief Health Officer, Western Australia
A/Prof Nicola Spurrier	Chief Health Officer, South Australia
Dr Brett Sutton	Chief Health Officer, Victoria
Dr Kerry Chant	Chief Health Officer, New South Wales
Dr Jeremy McNulty	
Dr Jeannette Young	Chief Health Officer, Queensland
Dr Mark Veitch	Chief Health Officer, Tasmania
Dr Hugh Heggie	Chief Health Officer, Northern Territory
Dr Kerryn Coleman	Chief Health Officer, Australian Capital Territory
R/Adm Sharkey	Commander Joint Health and Surgeon-General, ADF
Invited Experts	
Dr Sonya Bennett	Chair, Communicable Disease Network Australia
Dr Ben Howden	Chair, Public Health Laboratories Network
Prof Jodie McVernon	University of Melbourne
Prof James McCaw	University of Melbourne
Professor Alan Cheng	Director, Infection, Prevention and Healthcare Epidemiology Unit, Alfred Health
Professor Lyn Gilbert	Director, Infection Prevention and Control, Institute of Clinical Pathology, University of Sydney
Department of Health	
Mr Graeme Bardin	Assistant Secretary, National Incident Room, Office of Health Protection
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Dr Gary Lum	Medical Officer, Office of Health Protection
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Prof Murphy welcomed Members and noted that the main focus over the past 24 hours had been the implications of the changes to the case definition to include the whole of mainland China. He invited Dr Bennett to provide a report from CDNA.

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Guidance for Accommodation Providers

Prof Murphy reiterated that this is likely to settle down with the cancellation of flights. He noted the Fact Sheets for the hotel industry and sought input from Dr Young on the advice Queensland has been using. Dr Young will send this to the Secretariat for circulation to Members.

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ACTION: Secretariat to circulate Queensland's guidance for hospitality industry to Members.

ACTION: IPCEAG will look and advice and provide comments to AHPPC.

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Prof Kelly asked for agreement for ABF to have contact details for PHUs for border staff to use if extra resources required. All relevant jurisdictions agreed.

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Infection Protection and Control

Prof Gilbert noted the recommendations that had been circulated to Members have been discussed further by members of the IPCEAG and relevant groups. She will be incorporating changes suggested into the document which will be recirculated to AHPPC prior to tomorrow's meeting for endorsement.

Prof Murphy acknowledged how useful it has been to have the IPCEAG and the speed or the provision of advice from the group.

Pandemic Planning Workshop

Prof Murphy advised Members about the CDNA led Pandemic Planning Workshop to be held tomorrow and invited interested persons to attend. The Secretariat will circulate the invitation for information.

ACTION: Secretariat to circulate details of the Pandemic Planning Workshop.

Members agreed to continue the daily AHPPC meeting at 2pm until further notice.

Meeting closed 3.15pm

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