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# **Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC)**

## **Emergency Teleconference**

### **Novel Coronavirus**

### Tuesday 18 February 2020 14:00 AEDT

#### Outcomes

Members attending	
Dr Brett Sutton	A/g Chair, Chief Health Officer, Victoria
Dr Andrew Robertson	Chief Health Officer, Western Australia
A/Prof Nicola Spurrier	Chief Health Officer, South Australia
Dr Kerry Chant	Chief Health Officer, New South Wales
Dr Jeremy McAnulty	Director, Health Protection, New South Wales
Dr Jeannette Young	Chief Health Officer, Queensland
Dr Mark Veitch	Chief Health Officer, Tasmania
Dr Kerryn Coleman	Chief Health Officer, ACT
RADM Sarah Sharkey	Commander Joint Health and Surgeon General, ADF
Ms Justine Rixon	EMA
Dr Caroline McElany	NZ Ministry of Health
A/Prof Dianne Stephens	Deputy Chief Health Officer, Northern Territory Medical Director, NCCTRC
Dr Christine Selvey	A/g Chair, CDNA
Invited Experts	
Professor Jodie McVernon	University of Melbourne
Professor Lyn Gilbert	Director, Infection Prevention and Control, Institute of Clinical Pathology, University of Sydney
Department of Health	
Ms Rhonda Owen	Assistant Secretary, Health Emergency Management Branch
Dr Gary Lum	Principal Medical Officer, MSAU
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Dr Brett Sutton opened the meeting at 1400 AEDT.

#### Members noted:

- s47C
- CDNA to provide additional feedback following the meeting of the COVID-19 SoNG working group, to be held later today.

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- Review the 'Student letter to Universities Australia' on returning students to Australia who have completed the self-isolation period outside of Australia.
   Members agreed the letter be amended to be broadened and more generic.
- ACTION: The Secretariat to amend and recirculated to members for endorsement today.
- s47C

- Further information is required in relation to the transfer of hospitalised patients.
   DFAT are liaising with those individuals and families.
- s47C, s47B
- Australians on the Westerdam Cruise Ship have also been returning to Australia, s47F
- ACTION: the NIR to provide jurisdictions with returning passengers' locations when available.
- Further discussion on Cruise Ships included:
  - o s47C
  - o s47C, s47E
  - The need to supply the cruise ships with an IPC-type form that is more useable as individuals may miss being screened.
  - o s47B
- Other business included:
  - o Inclusion of the Olympics on a further AHPPC agenda
  - o Dr Chant to follow up on the Infectious Disease Treatment Guidelines
  - The Commonwealth to provide an update on P2 masks situation at tomorrow's meeting.

Meeting closed: 1435