## Roadmap to easing access restrictions for Queensland’s remote communities

### CURRENT BIOSECURITY ARRANGEMENTS

- Entry restrictions on remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities (‘designated areas’) in Queensland is restricted under the Commonwealth Biosecurity Act 2015 (Cth).

### STAGE 1: FROM 1 JUNE 2020

- Commencement on 1 June 2020, in line with Chief Health Officer Public Health Direction – Quarantine within Designated Areas.

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### STAGE 2: FROM 12 JUNE 2020

- Subject to when the Commonwealth removes the communities from the Biosecurity Direction.

### STAGE 3: FROM 10 JULY 2020

- Subject to conditions noted below.

### What do the restrictions mean?

- Everyone must go into quarantine for 14 days before entering or re-entering a designated area. Some exemptions for ‘essential workers’ apply and specific exemptions can be granted by the Chair of the Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) in each designated area, in conjunction with a Human Biosecurity Officer.

### What are the restricted areas?

- Restricted areas include the Local Government Areas of: Aurukun; Cook; Hope Vale; Kowanyama; Lockhart River; Mapoon; Napranum; Northern Peninsula Area; Pompuraaw; Torres Strait Island; Torres; Wujal Wujal; Burke; Doomadgee; Cherbourg; Mornington: Palm Island; Wooralinda; Yarrabah and Weipa.

### Considerations for transitioning to Stage 2 or 3

- Decisions about whether communities can move to Stages 2 and 3 will be made by the Chief Health Officer based on public health conditions for each community, including the reported number of cases, rapid response capability, community consultation and in line with the Commonwealth framework for easing remote area restrictions.

### Stage 3 subject to the following conditions:

- There are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in a community.
- The community has an appropriate plan in place.
- An appropriate testing regime is in place for the community.
- There is a clear rapid response framework in place for the community.

### Entry and quarantine restrictions no longer apply for communities declared by the Chief Health Officer as being in Stage 3.

### What does this mean for remote communities?

- Residents of remote communities and those visiting them must follow all existing Chief Health Officer Directions.

### Communities may also transition back to Stage 2 from Stage 3 if an outbreak occurs and more restricted access arrangements are required.

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Restrictions on gatherings, permitted travel and business activity continue to apply under the state-wide Chief Health Officer Directions.