

## SUMMARY OF COVID-19 BORDER CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS IN AUSTRALIAN STATES AND TERRITORIES FOR RED MEAT AND LIVESTOCK

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**NB: This is a snapshot of current advise only. With the current COVID-19 Hotspot situation arising in different jurisdictions, border restrictions have been changing rapidly and may continue to do so based on further health advice. Members of the industry experiencing issues are encouraged to contact their Peak Industry Council. Please note: this document is subject to change and updated regularly.**

State/Territory	Overall	Agriculture and Food
<b>Federal</b>	<p>Australia has had a number of COVID-19 hotspots arise and as such specific restrictions are in place for these across jurisdictions. Please see individual jurisdictions details below for more information.</p> <p>The National Cabinet agreed on a <a href="#">3-step plan</a> to remove baseline restrictions. Under this plan, each state and territory government will decide which restrictions can be eased when, taking into account their local circumstances, meaning states and territories may move at different speeds.</p> <p>It is likely some restrictions, on things like international travel and mass gatherings, will remain necessary.</p> <p><b>IF YOU ARE NOT PUBLICLY LISTED THEN BY EXCLUSION THE EXPECTATION IS THAT BUSINESS OPERATIONS CAN CONTINUE IN LINE WITH NORMAL OPERATIONS UNLESS THERE ARE ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS ANNOUNCED.</b></p>	<p>Agriculture Minister, David Littleproud <a href="#">confirmed</a> food production and supply was an essential service, meaning state imposed border restrictions will not affect agricultural supply chains.</p> <p>Each State/Territory is in various states of individual border controls.</p> <p>Each state jurisdiction have indicated that all components of our supply chain (including inputs such as feed, feed inputs, vet products, professional services to producers, livestock, meat transportation Etc) can continue to trade across borders.</p> <p>Exporters of high-value agricultural products can register their interest in accessing airfreight export opportunities under the International Freight Assistance Mechanism <a href="#">here</a>. The Mechanism will continue until the end of the year.</p>



	<p>Isolated remote community hubs are not included in these restrictions.</p> <p>Operations can continue as normal until otherwise advised.</p> <p>Australia's borders will be closed to everyone except for Australian residents, citizens and their family members. Effective from 6.00PM or 1800 AWST Friday, 20 March 2020.</p>	
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## JURISDICTIONAL BREAKOUT

<p><b>ACT</b></p>	<p>Continue to remain open <b>with the exception</b> of anyone entering the ACT from Victoria.</p> <p>From 12:01am on Wednesday 8 July 2020 the ACT will be closing its border for anyone travelling into the ACT from Victoria, unless they have an exemption to enter.</p> <p>Further details on exemptions, special conditions for essential services and other matters will be available <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>ACT Government is <b>strongly advising</b> anyone who has been in locations <a href="#">identified by NSW Health</a> on the specified dates to <b>quarantine immediately</b> and <b>get tested</b> for COVID-19 as soon as possible - even if you do not have any symptoms.</p>	<p>Further details on exemptions, special conditions for essential services and other matters will be available <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>If you have an exceptional need to travel to the ACT, you will need to <a href="#">apply for an exemption</a> at least 48 hours (wherever possible) before your intended travel date. Persons entering the ACT without an exemption will be denied entry.</p> <p>Exemptions will be granted only in exceptional circumstances, such as providing essential services in the ACT- agriculture listed.</p> <p><a href="#">Exemption request applications</a> will require the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An explanation of your need to travel to the ACT</li> <li>• Name</li> <li>• Date of birth</li> <li>• Home address</li> <li>• Phone number</li> <li>• Email</li> <li>• Travel details (flight number, by car etc)</li> <li>• Date of entry to ACT</li> <li>• Details of how long you intend to stay in the ACT **</li> <li>• Date last in Victoria</li> <li>• Name and address of where you plan to stay in the ACT.</li> </ul>
<p><b>New South Wales</b></p>	<p><b>NSW has temporarily shut its border with Victoria.</b> Only persons authorised under the public health order may enter NSW if they have been in Victoria in the last 14 days.</p> <p>Anyone seeking to enter NSW may apply for a <a href="#">NSW border entry permit</a></p> <p>From 22 July, <a href="#">new restrictions apply</a>. If you're eligible, you can apply for a new permit containing a QR code. Permits issued before 4pm on 21 July expire at 11:59pm on 21 July, except</p>	<p><a href="#">Public Health Orders and restrictions</a></p> <p>The NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) has <a href="#">activated</a> a specialist Primary Industries Liaison Team and launched an <a href="#">online resource</a> to deal with any agricultural inquiries.</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:covidinfo@dpi.nsw.gov.au">covidinfo@dpi.nsw.gov.au</a> for industry COVID-19 related enquiries</p> <p>Details on permits, special conditions for freight operations and other essential services, and provisions for residents of border regions will be available on the <a href="#">Service NSW website</a>.</p>

	those issued under compassionate grounds, which remain valid until the expiry date.	Producers and employees with cross-border travel scheduled are reminded to <b>always</b> carry evidence of their home address, employment and of their need to travel for the purpose of primary production and supply chain.
<b>Northern Territory</b>	<p>Strict border controls continue to apply into the Northern Territory.</p> <p>Anyone arriving in the NT must complete a <a href="#">Border Entry Form</a> online 72 hours prior to arriving.</p> <p><b>You must provide your printed form on your arrival to the NT.</b> Your application reference number written on paper is unacceptable.</p> <p>Anyone arriving into the NT from a <a href="#">hotspot</a> must do 14 days mandatory supervised quarantine at their own cost. There are exemptions for <b>those providing goods and essential services, transport, freight and logistics including livestock, beef production and transport of beef interstate and to ships.</b> However, you will still be required to complete an <a href="#">application for quarantine exemption</a> and Border Entry Form.</p> <p>Any <a href="#">exemption</a> granted before the 17 July 2020 are invalid if the person travelling has been in an identified hotspot.</p>	<p><a href="#">Chief Health Officer COVID-19 Direction (No. 47)</a></p> <p><b>Exemption categories</b></p> <p><b>A person providing services for transport or freight of goods</b></p> <p>If you are returning or travelling from a designated hotspot with freight you <b>MUST</b> submit your <a href="#">COVID-19 management plan</a> and the driver must complete a <a href="#">Border Entry Form</a>. Drivers will not be permitted entry without prior written approval of the Management Plan by the CHO and a copy of their Border Entry Form.</p> <p>Your company must be able to demonstrate that drivers will comply with all conditions attached to the COVID-19 management plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remain 'quarantined' (staying in the truck or depot as per travel plan) when not working.</li> <li>• Maintain social distancing, health and hygiene requirements.</li> <li>• Wear a face mask if not able to maintain 1.5 metre distance from other persons when working.</li> <li>• Take a COVID-19 test if instructed to do so.</li> </ul>
<b>South Australia</b>	<p>From 12:01 am Wednesday 29 July, only essential travellers are able to enter SA from Victoria. South Australians are no longer able to return to SA from Victoria.</p> <p>Travellers from Victoria, other than Essential Travellers, are not permitted to travel to South Australia.</p>	<p>South Australia has issued an updated <a href="#">Emergency Management (Cross Border Travel No 10) (COVID-19) Direction 2020</a> This came into effect at 12:01am 29 July 2020.</p> <p>A pre-approval process is in place for travellers wishing to enter South Australia by filling out the <a href="#">Cross Border Travel Registration form</a>.</p> <p>There are two schedules of Essential Travellers relevant to the red meat industry:</p>

<p>Travellers from NT, QLD, TAS and WA are able to enter South Australia directly without restriction.</p> <p>Travellers from ACT and NSW, other than essential travellers, will be required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• self-quarantine for 14 days after entering SA</li><li>• submit for COVID-19 testing on:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ the first day of entry to SA (the day of arrival)</li><li>○ the twelfth day of arrival.</li></ul></li></ul> <p>A pre-approval process is in place for travellers wishing to enter South Australia. The <a href="#">Cross Border Travel Registration</a> should be completed at least 3 days before you leave.</p> <p>Those wanting to apply for an Essential Traveller status will need a letter confirming why they are seeking this status (e.g. from employer).</p> <p>Your registration will be assessed to determine whether you are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• able to travel without restriction (including people arriving directly from NT, QLD, TAS and WA)</li><li>• required to self-quarantine on arrival for 14 days (including people arriving directly from ACT, NSW)</li><li>• an essential traveller, with or without self-quarantine restrictions</li></ul> <p>You will be notified by email of your status within 72 hours and given a unique number. You will need to produce this number when crossing the border.</p>	<p><b>Schedule 1</b> <i>Transport and freight services</i> Persons who, in the conduct of their duties, provide transport or freight services into, within and out of South Australia (including any crew on such transport or freight services) and are required to be physically present in South Australia for such purposes.</p> <p><b>Schedule 2</b> <i>Essential skills (industries and businesses)</i> Specialists required for industry or business continuity and maintenance of competitive operations where the appropriate skills are not available in South Australia, where the service is time critical and where the provision of the service requires that the person be physically present in South Australia.</p> <p><b>There are different requirements for each category of Essential Traveller.</b> The Cross Border page has a table for reference that details requirements for each category. View it <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>Essential Travellers must also keep records of close contacts for a 14 day period, commencing on the date of their arrival in SA.</p>
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	Those unable to complete registration before crossing the border will be assisted by police and given an 'interim status' while registration is being assessed.	
<b>Tasmania</b>	<p>Strict Border restrictions, including requirements to <a href="#">quarantine</a> for people arriving in Tasmania, remain in place.</p> <p>Current border restrictions will now remain in place until at least Monday 31 August 2020.</p> <p>All non-essential travellers departing for/arriving in Tasmania will be required to quarantine for 14 days.</p> <p><b>Essential Traveller applications must be submitted as part of registering to travel to Tasmania using the <a href="#">G2G PASS</a> system.</b></p> <p>Additional restrictions apply to Essential Travellers from high risk areas specified as an 'Affected Region' or 'Affected Premises'. See the <a href="#">list of high-risk areas</a>.</p> <p>Any person granted Essential Traveller status who has spent time in high-risk areas specified as an 'Affected Region' or 'Affected Premises' in the 14 days prior to arrival in Tasmania is required to wear a face mask and limit their movement when not in the workplace.</p> <p>Some may be required to quarantine on arrival, if instructed by the State Controller on a case-by-case basis.</p>	<p><b>A new online travel registration system – <a href="#">G2G PASS</a> – has been introduced for people wanting to travel to Tasmania.</b></p> <p>Under the new system, all travellers need a QR code to enter Tasmania. Those who have been granted Essential Traveller status, for work or compassionate and medical grounds, prior to the launch of the new system need to reapply through <a href="#">G2G PASS</a>.</p> <p>If your travel to Tasmania is for work that is essential for the proper functioning of the state you should indicate this on your arrivals form and you will be exempt from quarantine periods.</p> <p>Essential Traveller:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transport, freight and logistics</li> <li>• Any person who in the carriage of his or her duties is responsible for provision of transport or freight and logistics into, within and out of Tasmania; and</li> <li>• Flight Crew and ship crew, for the limited period of delivery of persons, freight or logistics into, within and out of Tasmania, and for no other purpose.</li> </ul>
<b>Victoria</b>	<p>Victoria has reported increasing numbers of people who have acquired COVID-19 locally. This increase is linked with multiple outbreaks across a range of settings in metropolitan Melbourne.</p>	<p>Producers and employees with cross-border travel scheduled are reminded to <b>always</b> carry evidence of their home address, employment and of their need to travel for the purpose of primary production and supply chain.</p> <p>You only need to quarantine if you've been advised by the Department of Health and Human Services that you have been to a <b>high-risk location</b>. If you've</p>

	<p>Victoria doesn't have any <a href="#">border restrictions</a> and you can both leave and enter the state. <b>However Most jurisdictions have restrictions on travellers from Victoria- please see individual jurisdictions for this information.</b></p> <p><a href="#">Stage 4 restrictions</a> are in place for Metropolitan Melbourne, and <a href="#">Stage 3 Restrictions</a> for the remainder of Victoria. This includes the following restrictions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meat, meat product and seafood processing and distribution centres are considered a high-risk industry and subject to industry tailored High Risk COVID Safe plan</li> <li>• 33 per cent reduction compared to peak capacity</li> <li>• Statewide - Regions included</li> <li>• Single site only – no site hopping</li> <li>• Supermarket distribution centres will implement a 33 per cent reduction of peak workforce will be implemented upon commencement of the directions</li> </ul> <p>Restrictions for metropolitan Melbourne: a curfew from 8pm-5am every evening. During this time people are only allowed to leave their house for work, and essential health, care or safety reasons.</p>	<p>been directed to quarantine at home by health authorities, you <b>can't leave your home</b> unless it's for emergency medical care.</p>
<p><b>Western Australia</b></p>	<p><b>Strict border controls continue to be in place for Western Australia.</b></p> <p>You cannot enter WA unless you are an exempt traveller. If you meet the criteria outlined in the <a href="#">Quarantine (Closing the Border) Directions</a>, you may apply for an exemption via G2G PASS.</p>	<p>If you meet the exemption criteria, the quickest and simplest way to apply for an exemption is via the <a href="#">G2G PASS online form</a>. <b>You must submit your application as soon as possible.</b> By applying online, you can track your application status and will receive an email with the outcome of your application.</p> <p>Alternatively, a paper-based <a href="#">exemption application form</a> is available. <b>The paper-based application forms take longer to process. Please submit your application at least 4 weeks prior to travel.</b></p>

	<p>You will not be allowed into WA if you are coming from, or transiting through, Victoria or NSW, unless you meet exemptions requirements.</p> <p><b>Exemptions apply for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>specialist skills not available in WA</li> <li>transport, freight and logistics (not including airline and maritime crew members)</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">QUARANTINE (CLOSING THE BORDER) DIRECTIONS Document</a></p> <p>The WA hard border will only be removed when the WA Chief Health Officer is confident the spread of infection is controlled in the eastern states.</p>	<p><b>You must not enter WA until you have received approval</b> from WA Police. Submitting an application does not constitute approval.</p> <p><a href="#">G2G Pass for Travel Exemptions - Frequently Asked Questions</a></p>
<p><b>Queensland</b></p>	<p><b>Queensland will close its border to all of New South Wales and the ACT from 1:00am on Saturday 8 August. Further information related to this still to come.</b></p> <p>Additionally, all 79 Local Government Areas (LGAs) within <b>Victoria</b> are considered COVID-19 hotspots.</p> <p>Non-Queensland residents who've been in a COVID-19 hotspot within the last 14 days won't be able to enter Queensland and will be turned away at the border.</p> <p>Exemptions may apply for people needed in Queensland for essential purposes.</p> <p>Currently Anyone can enter Queensland unless they have been in a COVID-19 hotspot in the last 14 days.</p> <p>Any person that has been in a declared COVID-19 hotspot during the past 14 days, including Victoria and Greater Sydney, must not enter Queensland. <a href="#">View COVID-19 hotspots.</a></p>	<p>From 10 July 2020 you will need to apply for a <a href="#">new Queensland Border Declaration Pass</a> due to the new information required under <a href="#">Border restrictions Direction (No. 10)</a>.</p> <p>Any person entering Queensland (including Queensland residents) must complete a <a href="#">Queensland Border Declaration Pass</a> prior to entering, <b>including freight transport drivers who were previously exempt</b>. <b>Border passes are valid for 7 days only.</b></p> <p><b>Essential Activity: Transport, freight and logistics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anyone who transports freight to, from or through Queensland and the only person in the vehicle is essential for the delivery of the freight.</li> <li>These people as much as possible must remain isolated from the general public and in their vehicle or accommodation until they depart Queensland, or for 14 days (whichever is shorter).</li> </ul> <p>You may be able to apply for an exemption to enter Queensland if you have been in a hotspot in the last 14 days provided exceptional circumstances exist. You will need to obtain this exemption before you can enter Queensland.</p>

		<p>You can request an exemption <a href="#">here</a>. You may need to provide evidence to support your request.</p> <p>Queensland authorities have further confirmed that those providing an essential activity, such as transport of freight and logistics are not required to quarantine - see <a href="#">border restrictions</a>.</p> <p>However, a person entering Queensland for an essential activity (including transport of freight and logistics) must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• keep and retain written records of close contacts for a 14-day period commencing on their date of arrival in Queensland, or, if they remain in Queensland for a period of less than 14 days, for that period; and</li><li>• provide the records to an emergency officer (public health) if directed by an emergency officer (public health) or to a contact tracing officer; and</li><li>• minimise contact with the community for a period of 14 days; and</li><li>• to the extent reasonably practicable, practice social distancing including by remaining at least 1.5 metres from other people.</li></ul>
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