



Latest developments on state and territory border “closures”

SUMMARY

There is activity across most impacted states and territories to clarify aspects of the border restrictions introduced in recent days by the governments of Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia, Tasmania and the Northern Territory.

Links to the formal declarations on border restrictions are included below. They contain some extra specific detail that might be useful.

Ai Group is continuing to push publicly and behind the scenes for urgent national coordination on this issue to avoid chaos at the borders and to ensure vital supply chains are not crippled through inconsistent rules.

Ai Group is also in constant contact with all State Governments seeking further detail.

Member Advice [NAT 017/20: Latest information on state and territory border closures](#) that was released yesterday remains valid, but the following developments have happened today.

Mining workforce movements

State and federal resources ministers held discussions on Tuesday March 24 to seek a coordinated approach to dealing with fly-in, fly-out (FIFO) mine workers who may get caught up in the border restrictions. This followed an industry round table called by Federal Resources Minister Keith Pitt.

As a result of the discussions, a new National Coordination Mechanism group has been formed and will meet for the first time on March 26. More announcements on FIFO worker movements are expected after that.

Queensland

The Queensland Government has made it clear that the border “closure” effective from midnight on March 25 is mainly to deter interstate “holidaymakers”, not freight. Tourists wanting to enter the state will need to self-quarantine for 14 days.

The Queensland Government has released more details about its border restrictions and how exemptions will apply. See the [Queensland Government](#) and [Queensland Health](#) websites for information.

Northern Territory

The travel form that everybody must complete before entering the NT is now available [here](#).

South Australia

In a media conference, SA Police Commissioner Grant Stevens said there would be “no issue with keeping freight moving through” the SA borders.

He said vehicles would be stopped at the borders and drivers would be advised of their obligations to self-quarantine under the cross-border directions. At that stage they could seek an exemption from the quarantine and the police officer would make a judgement on whether the person met the exemption criteria.

Commissioner Stevens said the police were mindful of the need for vital supplies to continue to move across the borders and said people who lived near the border and crossed it regularly would be exempt.

South Australian border restriction directions can be found [here](#).

Western Australia

WA Premier Mark McGowan said the State Government would continue to work closely with the mining and trucking industry to ensure continuity of essential services to WA. The detailed WA directions on COVID-19-related restrictions is below.

The detailed Western Australian COVID-19-related interstate travel directions can be found [here](#).

Do you require further advice?

Ai Group has set up a special [section on our website](#) to provide access to Ai Group advice and assistance relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads 'Shane'.**Shane Rodgers****Head of Operations (National)****FURTHER INFORMATION**

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