

DIRECTIONS WHILE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DATED 8 JUNE 2020 IS IN FORCE

Section 263 and 268(4) of the *Corrective Services Act 2006*

On 8 June 2020 I, Peter Martin APM, Commissioner, Queensland Corrective Services, with the approval of the Minister for Police and Corrective Services, declared that an emergency exists in relation to all corrective services facilities (the Declaration) for a period of 90 days from 9 June 2020 until 11:59pm on 6 September 2020.

The Declaration was made following advice from the chief health officer who believed it was necessary to make the Declaration to assist in containing, or to respond to, the spread of COVID-19 within corrective services facilities and the wider community.

While the Declaration is in force, and from the date of this direction, I direct that:

1. all visitor access to a prison is prohibited unless stated below:
 - a. accredited visitor where access is approved by me;
 - b. government visitor where access is approved by me;
 - c. casual site visitor where access is approved by me;
 - d. law enforcement visitor;
 - e. an emergency services officer;
 - f. professional visitor whose attendance is necessary to perform health duties or provide psychological care and access is approved by me;
 - g. commercial visitor whose attendance is necessary to perform essential maintenance or delivery of essential goods and services and access is approved by me;
 - h. elders, respected persons and spiritual healers, where access is approved by me; and
 - i. religious visitors, where access is approved by me.
2. the following Queensland Corrective Services policies continue to apply:
 - a. Managing prisoner receptions; and
 - b. Managing vulnerable prisoners.

These directions are made pursuant to sections 263(2) and 268(4) of the *Corrective Services Act 2006*. They have been made in consultation with Queensland Health and the Chief Health Officer and in accordance with the approach taken by the Queensland Government to prevent the transmission of COVID-19. Given the high risks to a vulnerable prison population if COVID-19 were to enter a corrective services facility, I consider that any impact on the human rights of prisoners, staff, family members or any other person as a result of these directions is demonstrably justifiable.



Peter Martin APM

Commissioner, Queensland Corrective Services

8 June 2020