

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 direct that:

1. the Queensland Corrective Services 'Managing new admission reception prisoners and COVID-19 Isolation' policy continues to apply; and
2. the Queensland Corrective Services 'Managing vulnerable prisoners' policy continues to apply.

In recognition of the current low rate of COVID-19 transmission within Queensland and the subsequent easing of community restrictions, and in accordance with consultation with Queensland Health, I direct that the decision by me on 23 March 2020 to suspend all visitor's access approvals for personal visitors to a correctives services facility pursuant to section 157(1A) of the *Corrective Services Act 2006* (CS Act) will cease to have effect on and from 10 July 2020;

These directions are made pursuant to sections 263(2) and 268(4) of the CS Act. 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.

These directions revoke and replace the previous directions made by me pursuant to sections 263(2) and 268(4) of the CS Act on 11 June 2020.



Peter Martin APM

Commissioner, Queensland Corrective Services

8 July 2020