

Action Item July 2020:

Chris SU advises that the last submissions to the 2020 JSCem NT electoral inquiry from the SOCI, UCIW and Poon Saan Club have been received by the JSCem and are published online.

Chris SU advises that the legislation to keep two House of Representative Seats in the NT has been presented to Parliament that fortnight.

(GREG MCINTOSH enters meeting 4.36pm)

Action Item August 2020:

CCC notice in The Islander of 7th August 2020, issue 716 published the resolution adopted at the August 5th meeting to ask the Commonwealth to convene a public meeting on CI in relation to the items around COVID management raised at the August 5th meeting.

Gordon THOMSON provided that no update or response has yet been received from the Commonwealth in regard to this.

Action Item August 2020:

Pensioner Airfare letter to Minister being finalised to be sent.

4 Agenda Business**4.1 Territory Controller Update 29.7.2020 Presented**

CCC were emailed the TC updated for 26.8.20, the latest available by meeting date.

Chris SU noted that the Emergency Management Committee have advised the Community recently that IOT residents need not present for Day 11 COVID testing and subsequent quarantine as of a Facebook update from the Administrator 28th August 2020.

Chris SU notes that the WA Govt application of the Day 11 COVID testing protocol was signed August 11th by the WA Police Commissioner and had been the standing procedure until that point. A seeming gap existed between August 11th and 28th August at the EMC level of this Day 11 requirement until it was raised to them by the Shire CEO in his capacity as EMC member on 26th August.

Gordon THOMSON reported that the Shire CEO objected to the EMC having a monthly meeting schedule now; it was weekly, then moved to fortnightly and as of Sept 1 moved to a monthly schedule. Noted that the EMC Executive Committee is not meeting at all. Noted the Emergency Declaration ends on 30th September.

4.2 IOTHS Health 5 Year Strategic Plan 2020-2025

Minister has released the 5 Year Strategic Plan document on 1st September 2020. Copy provided to CCC members.

4.3 IOTHS Health Services – Dental Services

Gordon THOMSON reported to the meeting that a review of Dental Services was underway at IOTHS at present; the Dental Therapist position may or may not be reduced or removed entirely. CCC noted the ABF August FAQ that an additional 200-300 staff would be present on the island; CCC acknowledged this would place additional usage of all island services and facilities, including the dental clinic. CCC maintains that dental services should be maintained at its current state which provided in the CCC's view an adequate level of care built up as a response of previous campaigns and initiatives for dental care on the island.

Resolution on IOTHS Dental Services

CCC Resolution

Moved: Chris SU

Seconded: Nora KOH

Res. No: CCC22/20

The Community Consultative Committee is aware of the current review of the dental services and staffing at IOTHS. Any proposal to reduce staffing or services will be vigorously resisted by the community organisations of the Community Consultative Committee members.

Carried: 11/0

4.4 IOTHS Health Services – PATS feedback

Chris SU reported to the meeting that the telehealth policy in the current December 2019 PATS policy is being followed for a medical event he is concerned with.

The telehealth policy is that, if the mainland specialist agrees that telehealth would be an acceptable way of conducting treatment then IOTHS will not be paying for PATS flights for the patient or their carer.

Chris SU advised members to circulate to their membership that this may be a trend for healthcare for residents as more and more specialists became telehealth ready due to COVID 19.

Chris SU advised that he is funding the costs for himself and a patient to the mainland to be able to see the specialist independent of PATS assistance.

5. General Business

5.1 Territories Legislation Amendment Bill 2020

Gordon THOMSON reviews the CCC's charter and origin in respects to its duty as a community feedback mechanism into the law reform regime of 1992 that brought WA laws into effect on the island.

Gordon THOMSON presented a letter from Claire Howlett, Assistant Secretary of the Indian Ocean Territories Division of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications dated August 20th to the Shire CEO advising him of a proposed '*Territories Legislation Amendment Bill.*' This Bill proposes some changes to the Local Government Act 1995 (WA)(CI) which currently applies. It is unclear from the letter what these changes actually are. The CEO has asked Claire Howlett to provide the Explanatory Memorandum Notes and Draft Legislation for viewing.

Resolution on Request for Information of the Territories Legislation Amendment Bill

CCC Resolution

Moved: Greg Mcintosh

Seconded: Nora KOH

Res. No: CCC23/20

The Community Consultative Committee demands the Minister provide the Amendment Bill proposal for public consultation. The Community Consultative Committee is determined to advise the Minister and members of Parliament of our disposition on the proposal before it goes to vote in Parliament.

We insist a proper process of consultation be conducted on Christmas Island before any change to the Christmas Island Act is initiated.

Carried: 11/0

5.2 COVID-19 Management

Kelvin LEE raised the matter of mainland workers arriving on the Island for IDC work in the previous weeks. Acknowledged that the present regime was to have all IDC staff be either from WA, or have quarantined for 14 days in WA before coming to the island.

The CCC agreed that this was an acceptable level of precaution to take in order to proceed with IDC operations. Concern was raised of any deviation from this policy; specifically that people would be undertaking their 14 days quarantine on island before proceeding with their work or further travel.

Resolution on COVID-19 Management

CCC Resolution

Moved: Greg Mcintosh

Seconded: Chris SU

Res. No: CCC24/20

That the Community Consultative Committee write to the Minister to ask if there will be any quarantining on Christmas Island?

Carried: 11/0

6. Closure of Meeting – 6.31pm

7 Date of Next Meeting – Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday 7th October 2020