



CONFIRMED MINUTES OF SPECIAL COVID-19 MEETING 17th MARCH 2020

Meeting of the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) of the Shire of Christmas Island at the George Fam Centre Training Room at 4.00pm on Tuesday 17th March 2020

1 Declaration of Opening of Meeting / Announcement of Visitors

1.1 Gordon **THOMSON** declared the meeting opened at 4.05pm

2 Record of Attendance/Apologies

2.1 Record of Attendance

President-SOCI
Poon Saan Club

Shire Councillor
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Islamic Council of Christmas Island
CI Phosphates
Chinese Literary Association

CI Neighbourhood Centre
CEO SOCI
CI Women's Association

Gordon **THOMSON**
Jackie **TEH** (Voting member for PSC)
Suzane **CHAN**
Morgan **SOH**
Hafiz **MASLI**
Greg **MCINTOSH**
Joy **WICKENDEN**
TAN Teik Kiang (Voting member for CLA)
LEEMO
Oliver **LINES**
David **PRICE**
Nora **KOH**

Minutes

SOCI Manager of Governance

Chris **SU**

2.2 Apologies

Malay Association of Christmas Island
Union of Christmas Island Workers

Azmi **YON**
Kelvin **LEE**

3 Agenda

3.1 COVID-19 Protocols for Christmas Island

Gordon **THOMSON** thanked members for coming at short notice. Reported that public have approached himself and other CCC members and community leaders on island about travel restrictions for Christmas Island in the light of other nations around the world instituting travel bans and compulsory self-isolation periods, including Australia, Malaysia, Norfolk Island and Canada.

Summarised that the idea of closing down borders is to slow infection rates and 'flatten the curve' in regards to infections, allowing the health infrastructure of that region to be more effective.

Proposed that Christmas Island have the same regime similar to aforementioned places so as to allow us to live normally during this time in regards to avoiding school closures, restaurant closures, etc.

Gordon **THOMSON** presented a draft resolution regarding COVID-19 management for Christmas Island.

Members debated to refine the wording.

Motion:

That the CCC should advise the Minister that Christmas Island should be immediately subject of travel restrictions defined as:

- 1** ***Restrictions of people, other than returning Island residents, coming to the Island.***
- 2** ***Assume all residents returning from the mainland or overseas are travelling from a place where people have been infected with the COVID-19 virus and therefore a 14 day self-isolation is required.***
- 3** ***Returning residents are to be offered the options of either self-isolation at home or suitable accommodation provided by the Commonwealth, such as the duplex units at Jalan Ketah Merah in Drumsite or bedsit units at Silver City.***
- 4** ***Non-Island Residents working on Christmas Island are offered repatriation to their homes on the mainland or elsewhere.***
- 5** ***Protocols for interactions between stevedores and visiting ship crews to be approved by the Commonwealth CMO.***

Ongoing services and functioning of the Island requires continuance of the Virgin Flights for Island resident contingencies including essential travel to the mainland, food and mail supplies. Increase the Toll freighter service frequency to weekly in view of the cessation of Jakarta and KL services.

Moved: Nora **KOH** Seconded: Oliver **LINES**
Carried: 11/0 Resolution: CCC4/2020

6. Closure of Meeting – 4.35pm 17th March 2020

7 Date of Next Meeting

7.1 Next scheduled CCC to take place at 4.15pm April 1st 2020.