

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT 2005 (WA)**

**Sections 67, 70 and 72A**

**WOODSIDE FIFO WORKER DIRECTIONS (NO 2)**

The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic on 11 March 2020.

On 15 March 2020, the Minister for Emergency Services declared a state of emergency with effect from 12 a.m. on 16 March 2020 in respect of the pandemic caused by COVID-19 pursuant to section 56 of the *Emergency Management Act 2005 (WA)* (**Act**) (**State of Emergency**). The State of Emergency applies to the State of Western Australia.

I, Christopher John Dawson, Commissioner of Police and State Emergency Coordinator, now give the following directions pursuant to my powers under sections 67, 70 and 72A of the Act.

**PREAMBLE**

1. These directions set out the requirements that apply to a **Woodside FIFO worker** immediately after they **enter** Western Australia and are for the purpose of preventing the importation of COVID-19 into Western Australia and otherwise limiting the spread of COVID-19 in Western Australia.

**CITATION**

2. These Directions may be referred to as the **Woodside FIFO Worker Directions (No 2)**.

**COMMENCEMENT**

3. These directions come into effect at 12.01 am on 14 November 2020.

**DIRECTIONS**

4. Unless stated otherwise, a Woodside FIFO worker must comply with these directions and not the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions, except for paragraphs 4 and 5 of those directions.
5. A Woodside FIFO worker must, immediately after entering Western Australia:
  - (a) as soon as possible and by the most direct route available and without stopping except as required by law, travel directly to the **Quest Midland** in a vehicle provided by their employer; and

- (b) remain inside their **allocated room** for a period ending fourteen (14) days after the day on which the Woodside FIFO worker entered Western Australia, except to the extent that the Woodside FIFO worker:
- (i) is given another **direction** which they are required by law to obey; or
  - (ii) leaves their allocated room to seek urgent medical treatment at a **hospital**, provided that:
    - (A) it is necessary for the Woodside FIFO worker to leave their allocated room in order for that treatment to be provided; and
    - (B) prior to leaving their allocated room (and if it is practicable to do so), the Woodside FIFO worker telephones the ambulance service or hospital at which the urgent medical treatment will be sought and informs them that they are subject to a quarantine direction and need to attend the hospital for urgent medical treatment; and
    - (C) the Woodside FIFO worker goes to the hospital by ambulance or by the most direct route available and without stopping except as required by law or necessary for fuel; and
    - (D) the Woodside FIFO worker complies with any direction or **instruction** given by a **relevant officer** at the hospital; and
    - (E) unless otherwise **directed** or **instructed** by a relevant officer, the Woodside FIFO worker returns to their allocated room as soon as possible after the urgent treatment has been provided and by the most direct route available and without stopping except as required by law or necessary for fuel; or
  - (iii) must leave their allocated room to escape an immediate threat to their safety (other than any threat posed by COVID-19), provided that:
    - (A) the Woodside FIFO worker goes no further from their allocated room than is reasonably necessary to escape that threat; and
    - (B) the Woodside FIFO worker returns to their allocated room as soon as it is safe to do so; and

- (C) if the Woodside FIFO worker is unable to return to their allocated room within an hour of leaving, the Woodside FIFO worker telephones the police on 131 444 and informs them that the Woodside FIFO worker is subject to a quarantine direction and had to leave the allocated room where the person was in quarantine; and
    - (iv) is undertaking **authorised exercise**; and
  - (c) if the person believes they have developed **symptoms**, telephone 13 COVID (13 268 43) to report the person's belief as soon as possible; and
  - (d) answer truthfully if a relevant officer asks the person to describe their state of health or asks whether the person has or has had any symptoms; and
  - (e) comply with any other direction or instruction the person is given by a relevant officer.
6. During the period referred to in paragraph 5(b), the Woodside FIFO worker must not allow any person to access their allocated room unless the person:
- (a) is a relevant officer, or a person assisting a relevant officer; or
  - (b) accesses the allocated room for medical or emergency purposes; or
  - (c) is required to access the allocated room for the purpose of performing critical and time-sensitive maintenance; or
  - (d) is acting in compliance with a direction or instruction given by a relevant officer,
- provided that no more than two persons access the allocated room at any one time if they access the allocated room in accordance with subparagraphs (a) to (c).

## DEFINITIONS

- 7. **Allocated room** means the room at the Quest Midland which a relevant Woodside FIFO worker is allocated to remain in during the period referred to in paragraph 5(b).
- 8. **Authorised exercise** means exercise that is engaged in by the person:
  - (a) in the **exercise area**; and
  - (b) without physical contact with, or coming within 1.5 metres of, any other person; and

- (c) without the use of any equipment; and
  - (d) for no more than a one hour period on any one occasion and for no more than two such periods each day.
9. **Authorised officer** has the same meaning that it has in the Act.
  10. **Direct contact** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.
  11. **Direction** includes a direction under the Act or the *Public Health Act 2016* (WA), whether the direction is given orally or in writing, and **directed** includes directed by way of a direction under the Act or the *Public Health Act 2016* (WA), whether the direction is given orally or in writing.
  12. **Emergency officer** has the same meaning that it has in the *Public Health Act 2016* (WA).
  13. **Enter** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.
  14. **Exercise area** means the outdoor courtyard within the Quest Midland which is closed to the public and is set out in the attached map.
  15. **Hospital** has the same meaning that it has in the *Health Services Act 2016* (WA).
  16. **Instruction** means an instruction given for the purposes of these directions which is not a direction, whether the instruction is given orally or in writing, and **instructed** means instructed by way of an instruction given for the purposes of these directions, whether the instruction is given orally or in writing.
  17. **Quest Midland** means Quest Midland, located at 3 The Crescent, Midland Western Australia.
  18. **Relevant officer** means:
    - (a) an **authorised officer**; or
    - (b) an **emergency officer**; or
    - (c) a **responsible officer**.
  19. **Responsible officer** means:
    - (a) an officer, employee or contractor of the Department of Health; or

- (b) an officer, employee or contractor of a health service provider, as that term is defined by section 6 of the *Health Services Act 2016* (WA); or
  - (c) any other person authorised by the Chief Health Officer orally or in writing to perform a function for the purposes of these directions.
20. **Restricted location** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.
21. **Symptoms** means any one or more of:
- (a) a fever of 37.5 degrees or above; or
  - (b) a recent history of fever; or
  - (c) symptoms of acute respiratory infection (including, but without limitation, shortness of breath, a cough or sore throat); or
  - (d) loss of smell or loss of taste.
22. **Woodside FIFO worker** means a person who is employed or engaged by Woodside Energy Pty Ltd and who, in the 14 days before the person enters Western Australia:
- (a) has been in a **restricted location**; or
  - (b) has been in New Zealand and another Australian State or Territory; or
  - (c) has knowingly been in **direct contact** with a person who, in the 14 days prior to the direct contact, had been in a restricted location or a place outside of Australia.

## PENALTIES

It may be an offence to fail to comply with any of these directions, punishable by imprisonment for up to 12 months or a fine of up to \$50,000 for individuals and \$250,000 for bodies corporate.



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**Christopher John Dawson**  
State Emergency Coordinator and Commissioner of Police

13 November 2020      1511 hours

**Attachment:** Map showing exercise area at the Quest Midland

