



REcov19ER Teleconference - Participants open to interested parties

Tuesday 7 April 2020

	Contributor	Organisation	Comments	Actions Arising
A	OPENING			
	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal AC	Meeting open at 11:30am	
			Introductions	
			One minutes silence - respect	
			Welcome and reminder of Purpose of Group	
			Format for meeting	
B	UPDATES			
	Gavin Mitchell			
			<p>Our focus to date has been on getting information from the agencies involved and how they are responding as well as from the communities themselves.</p> <p>We now need to focus now on particular areas. We have 3 key focus groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Supply and Distribution • Health/Medical and Education • Regional Strategy and Funding <p>We are all busy balancing our time. Suggest that Monday, Wednesday and Friday for the PBCs, communities, groups. Tuesday and Thursday – updates for government departments.</p>	<p>Moving forward meetings will be conducted Mon, Wed, Fri for TO Groups and organisations, Tues and Thurs for Govt Department updates.</p> <p>All are welcome to join in each day.</p>

	Glen Kelly	DPC	<p>Appreciate the scheduling changes. Will allow us to make sure we provide more substantive information.</p> <p>Main focus is the Food Security working group, met again yesterday. The working group is currently collecting information and compiling it into a data source that is live and to understand where priorities and emergencies are. Also transitioning responsibility to Dept of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) to respond. They have stronger logistics capabilities and will establish the State Pandemic Co-ordination Centre.</p> <p>A fair bit is happening there as far as understanding what is going on, mobilising networks and sending right departments to assist. This will be sent to Police Commissioner.</p> <p>We have had a communication from industry corporates, advising they are getting different enquiries from across the country and they are overwhelmed. This isn't to say people should cease applications however the corporates are looking to a co-ordinated approach with govt. Accordingly, BHP will be processing applications for assistance as received as will others such as Bunnings, Wesfarmers and transport companies and seeking co-ordination from the State.</p>	
	Shaye Hayden	DPC	<p>Amendment to Biosecurity Act. Not making any changes to the Direction area, only a minor change to address issues around commercial/primary production in particular agri business. Also to delegate powers to Police officers. Likely to take effect 24-48 hrs. Awaiting final draft.</p>	
	Ella Quigley	Dept Communities	<p>Food security work is ongoing at higher level of government to ensure that food is able to be supplied. This is being considered. There are bids going around to fund potential distribution of food.</p>	
	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal AC	<p>Food Security – timing is everything. Food supply is a priority. This is to provide food to the community as well as to stop people moving around in the communities.</p>	
	Glen Kelly	DPC	<p>We are understanding the key priorities now. We are of the view also that things could have moved quicker however we are sure DPIRD will move quickly in this area over the next couple of days. This has been raised at ministerial level and there is real urgency being applied. Things are moving. I can update Thursday.</p>	

	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal AC	Two step process, data collection is being worked on as we go. Immediate response has to be to get supplies up there. We are also waiting for Govt to provide an answer. Our people on the ground are telling us every day what the issues are. Mining companies may also be able to assist with logistics.	
	Johanna Ramsay	BNTAC	There is a lot of discussions going on. We have done a bulk supply to a community. Would it be of benefit for one of us to join the group?	
	Glen Kelly	DPC	This is more of a project management working group so probably not. The helpful pressure is from the top down, other inquiries in to DPIRD. The working group is a technical one so not the right spot. We will carry the messages and hopefully there will be a DPIRD person giving updates on exactly what is going on so you have a better position on where everyone stands.	
	Simon Taylor	Dept Communities	This is something that we are able to assist with through the Pandemic Plans. If there is an urgent issue, we can respond.	
	Glen Kelly	DPC	Glenn confirmed that Communities is the right point of reference and can respond on urgent items as they are raised. Linda Sperring sits on this for Communities and is representing this Department.	
	Johanna Ramsay	BNTAC	What are you aiming to achieve on the working group?	
	Glen Kelly	DPC	Command and control structure for the state under Police Commissioner. An integral center of the control and command structure for the state.	
	Simon Taylor	Dept Communities	Its not about doing the ordering for the group but getting involved with over all systems. Such as Coles not supplying in bulk, however this has been resolved for communities.	
	Glen Kelly	DPC	Information from shops, NIAA, Govt Depts also provided and considered. When problems are identified, the working group appoints/directs other departments to address the issues. This will be a system to plug in to. We are having a presence on it so that we can take concerns raised here to the group and bring information back here. This has taken longer than expected but this will ensure that Govt is able to mobilise resources.	

	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal AC	We understand that this is a national and state wide approach. For us it is about how to get food to our communities.	
	Glen Kelly	DPC	Any feedback from Dept Communities is collated and collected and raised. The questions are fair, how do you participate in the state structure to ensure your concerns are being heard.	
	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal AC	We need assistance to stop the community from moving around. We need to set the communities up to look after themselves.	
	Glen Kelly	DPC	What I am hoping to emerge is that the answers to those questions start getting delivered. If there are immediate food security issues they need to be raised with Simon from communities.	
	Simon Taylor	Dept Communities	We are aware of the urgent needs and the applications being made by the groups and we are supportive of these initiatives.	
	Ella Quigley	Dept Communities	Key to the decision making processes and distributions is what is being put in to the pandemic plans. Data set is populated and then referred on to the relevant departments.	
	Troy Eaton	Nyamal AC and Community Resident	We have timeframes to consider. With all of this planning, do we have any idea of how long this will last. We have to fend for ourselves. It's great that all of this is lined up, but what level of stores are we getting? We have to fend for ourselves in the communities. Do we have a supply to last us for the next 6 months, or are we taking this month by month. We need to be proactive ourselves, we need to look after ourselves.	
	Simon Taylor	Dept Communities	There isn't a food abundance issue, the challenge is the logistics in getting the food to where it needs to be. This won't be an issue in the towns, it is more in the remote communities. We need to work through the solutions through the pandemic plans. We need to understand where the blockages occur.	
	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal AC	We need to look at a strategy – to supply generators, fridges etc.	
	Simon Taylor	Dept Communities	Key priorities: Thursday we are running through with WAPOL, WACHS, RFDS etc the accommodation isolation plans for the regions, we can then provide an update. Computer supply for children.	

			Dept Communities is assessing the current stock of aboriginal houses to be made available to address issues of overcrowding or isolation. Working with Jigalong to determine vacant properties.	
	Terry Butler-Blaxell	Strelley/Warralong Communities Nomad CEF	At what stage will the individual communities have any powers under the Pandemic Plans. There are certain contractors that need to come into the communities. When will we be able to do this?	
	Ella Quigley	Dept Communities	Strelley is in a different situation as they are located on a pastoral lease, they do not have the same authority as other communities.	
	Simon Taylor	Dept Communities	This will lie with WAPOL. The pandemic plans will go through police as a part of the approval process.	
	Mark Barrett	WAPOL	I haven't discussed any approvals under the pan plans. I will have to find out the information and get back to the forum.	
	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal AC	There is no one from Health WA giving us an update. We need their input. We need someone representing Health to attend.	EMAIL TO BE SENT TO HEALTH CARE
	Simon Taylor	Dept Communities	We have flagged this several times. The change of times to Tues and Thurs may assist.	
	Grant Bussell	YHW	They have changed the criteria for COVID testing. If there are 2 people that are symptomatic, the community can get tested – the hotline number is 13COVID. The WACHS website also has some useful information.	TO BE PUT ON RECOVER WEBSITE
	Johanna Ramsay	BNTAC	Funding – submission to BHP is progressing. At level of distribution discussions. A fourth focus group might be useful to have a long term regional focus, looking at health and schooling, accommodation.	
	Troy Eaton	Nyamal AC and Community Resident	We don't know what is happening in the communities at the moment. The planning is good. But if someone has corona virus in the community, what's the plan then. What's the Health Department doing then.	
	Ella Quigley	Dept Communities	Main question that people are asking in communities. What do people do if there is a case. How do they isolate?? I am happy to escalate this with WA Health.	EMAIL TO BE SENT TO ELLA RE ESCALATING NON

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C	CLOSING			
	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal	Question / Answer round complete	
			Next meeting tomorrow 11.30am	
			Meeting closed at 12.50pm	