

*Public Health Act 1997*

**DIRECTION UNDER SECTION 16**

I, MARK VEITCH, the Director of Public Health, in pursuance of section 16 of the *Public Health Act 1997* ("the Act"), in order to manage the threat to public health posed by the notifiable disease known as COVID-19 ("the disease"), direct that commencing from 31 March 2020 –

- (a) subject to any other law or legal instrument, and unless directed to self-isolate or quarantine under another direction under the Act, each person in Tasmania must remain in, or on, the person's primary residence unless the person leaves the primary residence for the purposes of –
  - (i) shopping for supplies or services that are lawfully operating while this direction is in force; or
  - (ii) undertaking personal exercise; or
  - (iii) attending medical, or health care, appointments or for medical treatment; or
  - (iv) seeking veterinary services, within the meaning of the *Veterinary Surgeons Act 1987*, for an animal; or
  - (v) providing social support, or care, to another person (including to attend to another person's compassionate needs, to facilitate shared custody, guardianship or care arrangements for another person), as long as all other relevant directions under section 16 of the Act are complied with; or
  - (vi) attending school or study, if unable to be performed at the person's primary residence; or
  - (vii) attending work, or volunteering, if unable to be performed at the person's primary residence; or
  - (viii) performing essential maintenance, or security inspections, of another premises owned, or occupied, by the person; or

- (ix) attending another location if the person has a reasonable excuse, in the opinion of the Director of Public Health or his or her delegate, to attend the other location; and
- (b) if a person leaves the primary residence of the person for a purpose referred to in paragraph (a)(iii), (iv), (v), (vi), (vii), (viii) or (ix) and is required to reside in a place other than that primary residence –
  - (i) the person must not stay in the other place for longer than is necessary to carry out that purpose; and
  - (ii) paragraph (a) applies to the other place as if it were the primary residence of the person; and
- (c) in this direction –
  - (i) **primary residence**, of a person, means –
    - (A) if the person is not a permanent resident in Tasmania, or resides in Tasmania for a fixed period, the location in Tasmania where the person intends to lawfully reside while in Tasmania; or
    - (B) in any other case, the location in Tasmania where the person intends to reside until the declaration of the public health emergency in respect of the disease is revoked under the Act.

Dated: 30 March 2020

Signed: 

Director of Public Health