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This is going to go out now with DPs statement.

Let me know if any issues?

Amy

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From: Zoe Russell
Sent: Thursday, 31 March 2022 6:03 PM
To: Greg Fowler
Cc: Bill Walker; @Premiers Media
Subject: RE: Accommodation for NSW flood victims

Thank you – as soon as I sent to you guys, Kerryn sent this to journo:

G'Day Jess... Premier said this in Parliament today:

Let me say from the outset about Wellcamp that we have also extended the hand of friendship to New South Wales to say that for people who have been flood impacted in Lismore and northern New South Wales, if they would like to utilise Wellcamp, the offer remains from the state government to issue the hand of friendship.

From: Greg Fowler <Greg.Fowler@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
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Subject: Re: Accommodation for NSW flood victims

DP has offered Wellcamp.

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On 31 Mar 2022, at 5:53 pm, Zoe Russell <Zoe.Russell@ministerial.qld.gov.au> wrote:

Hi Bill – this you guys?

Zoe

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Subject: Accommodation for NSW flood victims

Good evening,

Is the state government involved with the emergency housing of some Northern NSW flood victims?

See highlighted detail in press release below.

Kind regards,

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31 March 2022

DCJ MEDIA STATEMENT – Accommodation for flood victims

The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) is currently providing emergency accommodation for approximately 1,500 people affected by the Northern Rivers floods in hotels, recreation parks and motor homes.

DCJ Deputy Secretary Paul Vevers said the department acknowledges the significant trauma experienced by people in flood affected communities.

“We are doing everything we can to minimise distress to those who are displaced from the floods and assisting them to rebuild their lives,” Mr Vevers said.

“We apologise for the inconvenience and would like to reassure people that every effort is being made to complete these transfers with minimal disruption at this stressful time.”

Accommodation continues to be provided to people who’ve initially spent time in evacuation centres and who are unable to return home,

Regrettably some of these accommodation options are not available during the Easter and school holiday period due to other bookings made well before the devastating floods.

Hotels and other accommodation in Northern NSW have had advanced bookings for many months, and in some cases for two years, for this period.

“We do not want to leave people without accommodation and our focus will always be on trying to accommodate people as close to their communities as possible,” Mr Vevers said.

“However because of the shortage of available rooms at this time, we are having to relocate some people to alternative accommodation in Brisbane and the Gold Coast.”

Transport to Brisbane and the Gold Coast is being provided where needed. People who have their own means of transport will be provided with a \$150 fuel voucher to cover the cost of the move.

Every household being moved will be provided with a \$250 Woolworths Voucher per adult to assist with groceries and supplies.

We will ensure households are moved back closer to their communities once the holiday period is over.

The NSW Government is providing people the opportunity to book alternative accommodation until their permanent home is available.

The Flood Recovery Support Payment increases with household size and starts at \$6,000 for a single person and increases for each additional household member to \$15,200 for a five-person household and more for bigger households. More information is available through Service NSW.

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Please provide to the DG asap.
Greg

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Subject: Wellcamp final material

Hi all,

Please see attached final material for tomorrow's press conference.

Please call me if there are any urgent changes.

Thanks in advance

Jack

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Deputy Premier Steven Miles, Minister D'Ath, CHO

Wagner Corporation chairman John Wagner

Quarantine Management Taskforce commissioner Joanne Greenfield

QLD REGIONAL ACCOMMODATION CENTRE (WELLCAMP)

- Today I'm proud to declare the Qld Regional Accommodation Centre here at Wellcamp officially open
- I first called on the Federal Govt to deliver fit-for-purpose regional quarantine facilities in **January 2021**
- We announced our agreement with Wagners on **26 August**
- 174 days later and today we're welcoming our first guests
- 56 guests today - 25 mariners, 31 unvaccinated travellers
- Travellers include a family of 7 refugees from Afghanistan, who have fled the Taliban and are likely to be resettled in Qld
- 500 beds capacity in total
 - 250 for returning travellers
 - 250 for COVID-positive people without appropriate accommodation for isolation
- Extra 500 beds by the end of March
- 12-month lease, with an option for another 12
- More than 400 workers on site during construction
- 270 ongoing jobs across management, police and health
- 150 jobs in manufacture of 264 accommodation modules in Toowoomba
- Opening today means more jobs and opportunities for local suppliers – like hospitality and textiles providers
- We're also working with Multicultural Australia to create jobs for local workers, especially young Afghan and Sudanese migrants living in Toowoomba
- Wagner's possible future uses include accommodation for visitors, construction workers agricultural workers and students

PINKENBA FACILITY

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Wellcamp Official Opening – Q&As

Quarantine management in Queensland

Q: What is the difference between quarantine and isolation?

A: Isolation separates people infected with a contagious disease from people who are not sick.

Quarantine separates people who are unvaccinated and could be infected with COVID-19 as well as those who are close contacts of a person diagnosed with COVID-19, to ensure they do not infect others in case they develop the illness in quarantine. These people may have been exposed to the disease and do not know it, or they may have the disease but do not show symptoms.

For both isolation and quarantine, this means staying in your accommodation and not leaving for the period of time that you are required to isolate or quarantine.

Further information about quarantine and isolation requirements can be found at www.covid19.qld.gov.au/.

Q: When would I need to quarantine in Queensland?

A: Information on when you would be required to quarantine can be found in Queensland's COVID-19 Vaccine Plan to Unite Families.

Queensland's COVID-19 Vaccine Plan to Unite Families can be found here: https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0018/216522/dpc7950-border-plan.pdf.

It reflects the latest requirements for entering and movement in Queensland.

Please ensure that you refer to the plan online for the latest information.

Isolation management in Queensland

Q: Why do we need isolation accommodation?

A: We need isolation accommodation as well as home isolation so that we can reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the community. Government-arranged accommodation is available to those members of the community who do not have suitable accommodation for isolating.

Q: Why do we need isolation accommodation when I could isolate at home?

A: We need isolation accommodation as well as home isolation so that we can reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the community. Government-arranged accommodation is available to those members of the community who do not have suitable accommodation for isolating.

Q: Can I isolate in government-arranged accommodation for being a close contact?

A: If you are a close contact of someone who has tested positive to COVID-19, but you are not COVID-positive, you will be advised to quarantine in your own home and get tested.

You must have tested positive for COVID-19 for you to be advised to isolate in government-arranged accommodation.

Q: Who will be entitled to access isolation accommodation?

A: If you have tested positive to COVID-19, under Queensland public health directions you are required to immediately isolate for a period of 7 days from the date of undertaking the test, or as otherwise directed by a public health emergency officer.

In most cases, you should be able to isolate in your own home, however if you think your home may not be suitable for isolation, and you do not have alternative accommodation options available to you, you may need to isolate in government-arranged accommodation.

If you're unsure as to whether you should isolate at home, call 134 COVID (13 42 68) and they may arrange a call-back from Queensland Health, who will advise whether or not you should isolate in government-arranged accommodation.

Examples as to where your accommodation may not be suitable for isolation include:

- You test positive while staying in a hotel, hostel or other temporary accommodation which is more than two hours' travel from your usual place of residence
- Your living arrangement is transient, or you are homeless
- You live in accommodation with significant shared areas and confined private spaces, such as a hostel, caravan or boarding accommodation, where it is impracticable for you to self-isolate from others
- You live with persons who are particularly vulnerable to the COVID-19 disease (for example, people over the age of 65, young children, pregnant women, people who are immunocompromised or who have chronic heart, lung or kidney conditions) and the nature of your living arrangement means it is impractical for you to be able to isolate from those members of your household.

Q: When should I contact the 134 COVID (13 42 68) hotline to seek to isolate in government-arranged accommodation?

A: If you have tested positive to COVID-19 and you think your home is not suitable for you to undertake 7 days of isolation, you should contact the 134 COVID hotline (13 42 68) and they will refer your request to Queensland Health, who will contact you regarding whether you should go into government-arranged accommodation for your isolation period.

If you test positive to COVID-19 in hospital, hospital staff may advise you to complete your isolation period in government-arranged accommodation and will advise you of the pathway to isolation accommodation.

Q: Who will advise me that I should isolate in government-arranged accommodation?

A: Once you become aware that you are COVID-positive, if you are concerned that your usual place of residence is not suitable for you to isolate in, contact 134 COVID (13 42 68).

134 COVID will ask you some questions and may arrange for Queensland Health to call you back to determine whether or not you should isolate in government-arranged accommodation.

If you are in hospital being treated for COVID-19, Queensland Health may advise you that you are well enough to complete your isolation at home, or they may advise you to complete your isolation in government-arranged accommodation.

Q: Who do I contact if I need to access isolation accommodation?

A: Once you become aware that you are COVID-positive, contact 134 COVID (13 42 68) and they will provide information about accessing government-arranged isolation accommodation.

Q: Do I need to pay to stay in an isolation accommodation?

A: If you are directed to stay in government-arranged accommodation by a public health emergency officer because you have tested positive for COVID-19 and your usual place of residence is not able to be used for your isolation - you will not be required to pay for your stay in government-arranged accommodation for your isolation period.

If you arrive into Queensland from overseas and are required to quarantine (for example, because you have not had a TGA-approved double dose vaccination and are not a citizen or permanent resident of Australia), you will still need to pay to stay in government-arranged accommodation for your required quarantine period.

Q: Where is there isolation accommodation in Queensland?

A: There are several hotels being leased by the Queensland Government for isolation for people who test positive to COVID-19 across:

- Brisbane
- Gold Coast
- Longreach
- Rockhampton
- Mackay
- Townsville
- Cairns

The Queensland Government is also working to raise accommodation in other locations where there is a need for isolation accommodation as needed. If you test positive to COVID-19 and your home is not suitable for isolation, call 134 COVID (13 42 68) regardless of where you are located in Queensland.

Q: How do I get to the isolation accommodation I'm directed to? Can I just show up?

A: Should you be directed by a public health emergency officer from Queensland Health to isolate in government-arranged accommodation, they will assist in providing transport options to get to the facility where you'll undertake your isolation.

This may include arranging your own private transport to a central location, where you will be picked up and transported to your isolation accommodation by bus.

If private transport is not available to you, contact 134 COVID (13 42 68) and a public health emergency officer may arrange alternate transportation for you to reach the central location for pickup.

Q: How will Queensland Health determine which isolation accommodation I will go to?

A: Should you be advised to stay in government-arranged accommodation for your isolation, you will be directed to isolation accommodation in your region.

Q: If I am eligible to stay in isolation accommodation, how long should I stay for? How long will I be allowed to stay for?

A: Upon being informed of your positive COVID-19 test result, you will need to isolate immediately for a period of 7 days from the date of undertaking the test, or as otherwise directed by a public health emergency officer. This means that if you are directed to isolate in government-arranged accommodation, you must stay in isolation at that accommodation for a period of 7 days from the date of your positive COVID-19 test result.

You will only be permitted to stay longer than that period if directed by a public health emergency officer.

Q: Can I choose when to leave isolation accommodation, even if I am still sick?

A: You need to stay in the accommodation where you are conducting your 7 days of isolation. A person in isolation cannot leave to attend public places including work, school, childcare or university. You are not able to have visitors while you are in isolation.

For more information regarding isolation requirements and restrictions can be found on the 'First Steps if you have COVID-19' website.

Q: What if my symptoms get worse while I'm in isolation accommodation?

A: If your symptoms deteriorate while in isolation accommodation you may need to be transported to a hospital for further treatment.

If you are staying in government-arranged accommodation, seek advice from staff on whether you need to be transported to hospital for further treatment. If you do not require emergency care, call 134 COVID and they will provide further advice.

Q: Which hospital will people be taken to if they need further treatment for their symptoms?

A: There are protocols in place across the State to manage health issues arising in isolation and these will continue to be followed. Any COVID-19 cases that need further treatment will be transported to a designated COVID-19 hospital where they can be appropriately treated elsewhere in South East Queensland.

Q: Can I choose to bring my family members with me (including my children, or elderly family members), even if they are not sick?

A: If you test positive to COVID-19, the people you live with and other close contacts may need to isolate or quarantine. Contact 134 COVID (13 42 68) to discuss your individual circumstances if you consider your home not suitable for isolation.

Q: If my child is COVID-positive and I am not, can I stay with my child in isolation accommodation?

A: If your dependent tests positive to COVID-19, you may be deemed a close contact and will need to quarantine. If you are unsure about whether you should reside in the same accommodation as your dependent, whether that be your home, or government-arranged accommodation, call 134 COVID (13 42 68) and they will arrange a follow up call for you to assess your circumstances and provide alternate accommodation if they think this is necessary.

Q: Can my pets come and stay with me in an isolation facility?

A: If you are directed to isolate in accommodation that is not your usual residence, and there is no one in the household to care for your pets, other arrangements need to be made for the care of your pets.

Further information about COVID-19 and animals can be found at <https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/>.

Q: Will the Pinkenba site be used for isolation accommodation?

A: The Federal Government has not provided details whether the facility at Pinkenba will be available for isolation once it comes online. We are working with the Federal Government on potential uses for the facility in line with the changing circumstances.

Q: What are the consequences of not reporting my positive RAT test? Will I be fined?

A: You can self-report a positive RAT test if you test positive to COVID-19 using a rapid antigen test at <https://www.qld.gov.au/rat-positive>. You will not be fined for not reporting your positive RAT test, however reporting helps us to understand how many cases are in the community.

Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre

Q: Why do we need the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre?

A: Purpose-built accommodation gives us more capacity within our broader quarantine and isolation network and more flexibility to respond to emerging issues.

Initially focused on supporting Queensland's public health response, the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre will be a 1000-bed facility that will offer future accommodation uses in an expanding regional area.

Q: What are the benefits of the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre?

A: The Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre is a community asset, providing a safety net for South East Queensland amidst the pandemic:

- Purpose-built for isolation and quarantine, so it provides a high standard of care and safety for guests to recover from COVID-19 and quarantine on arrival.
- Protecting the community from new strains of COVID-19.
- Minimising outbreaks in the community, to protect our vulnerable groups and families
- Reducing pressure on hospitals, by freeing up hospital beds for those who need them most, and reducing transmission in the community
- It also provides the opportunity for workers and family members from overseas who have not yet had a TGA-approved vaccine, to enter Queensland safely.

Q: What will the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre be used for?

A: The Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre has been built to provide critical accommodation to support our State's response to COVID-19.

As a regional accommodation centre, it will be used for the most appropriate need at the time. This includes quarantine for those that come to Queensland and need to quarantine, isolation accommodation where there are vulnerable communities that require respite accommodation to reduce the spread of the illness to the most vulnerable members of the community, and possibly health worker accommodation to ease the burden on them so they do not infect their families or get infected by families members, for health service continuity. At this time, the facility's use is planned for quarantine, however the CHO may declare the need for other uses deepening on what needs to be done at the time.

Q: Now that we have hit 90%, who will be required to quarantine?

- Over 90 per cent of Queenslanders are now fully vaccinated against COVID-19.
- In line with Queensland's COVID-19 Vaccine Plan to Unite Families and from 22 January 2022, international arrivals who are fully vaccinated with a vaccine approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) can now travel directly to Queensland without the need to quarantine on arrival.
- Unvaccinated international travellers continue to be required, at this point in time, to undertake a period of quarantine in a government-nominated facility, regardless as to whether they are Australian citizens, permanent residents or other international travellers.
- Travellers to Australia from overseas need to comply with Federal travel restrictions which outlines the conditions that non-Australian citizens and non-permanent residents must follow to be allowed entry in the first instance.

Q: When did the Wellcamp facility open and who is staying there?

- The Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre at Wellcamp is open and operational.
- The facility has received its first quarantine guests from 5 February 2022 and is provided for unvaccinated international travellers who have not been double-vaccinated with a vaccine approved or recognised by the TGA.
- It was established to provide purpose-built accommodation to support temporary quarantine and isolation accommodation needs for a range of different groups of individuals, to assist in reducing the spread of COVID-19 infection and providing safe transitions into the Queensland community. The length of stay will follow health advice and the relevant public health directives at the time.
- You can read more information about the Centre and view pictures of the accommodation on our website:
<https://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/industry/queenslands-quarantine-network/queensland-regional-accommodation-centre>.

Q: Who will be staying in the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre?

A: From February 2022, two blocks comprising of 500 beds in total became available for use at the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre.

Of this capacity, the first block of 250 beds is being used for travellers who still need to quarantine, including travellers from overseas who have not been vaccinated with a TGA-approved vaccine. The second block of 250 beds will be used for Queenslanders who are directed into isolation because their accommodation is not suitable.

We will continue to use hotels in other parts of the state for isolation and quarantine as needed.

Q: What is the plan for bringing back international students?

A: Now that 90 per cent of Queenslanders are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, international students who are fully-vaccinated with a vaccine approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) can now travel directly to Queensland without the need to quarantine on arrival.

Further information on how we are welcoming back our international students can be found on the Study Queensland website:
<https://www.studyqueensland.qld.gov.au/student-returns>

Q: If the peak of COVID is said to occur very soon, won't it be too late for the facility to be useful?

A: Although current modelling suggests that the spread of the Omicron variant in Queensland will peak quite soon, there are other future risks that we need to be prepared for including other variants and compounding risks that mean purpose-built accommodation has ongoing value as an insurance policy for Queensland.

Q: Other states and territories are not making the same investments, why is Queensland?

A: The Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre (the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre) at Wellcamp, Toowoomba, will help Queensland to continue to open-up and avoid expensive lockdowns. This is further action the Queensland Government is taking to keep Queenslanders safe.

Q: Why does the Queensland Government want to spend money on a facility when the Commonwealth has already agreed to pay for one?

A: The Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre will give us a fit-for-purpose facility as quickly as possible. It will give us extra capacity to accommodate COVID-positive patients who need access to isolation accommodation, and it means we will have both regional and metropolitan facilities in Queensland.

Q: Will people be transported to the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre from all over the State?

A: Queensland Government maintains a network of quarantine and isolation accommodation options in key locations across the State including Brisbane, Cairns, Mackay, Gold Coast and others. Wherever possible, people will be directed to appropriate accommodation that is most suitable, taking into account a person's location and circumstances.

The Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre's opening will reduce the use of hotels in the South East corner.

Q: How are people, including COVID-positive people, being transported to quarantine or isolation accommodation?

A: Transportation of travellers for quarantine purposes to the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre will be consistent with the way travellers are transported to hotel quarantine accommodation currently, such as buses or government-approved transport. This transportation approach aligns with the infection control and security standards currently in operation. People travelling to the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre for isolation accommodation will be transported in separate transportation to quarantine guests.

Q: How can you have people quarantining in the same facility as people who are COVID-19 positive?

A: The Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre has been designed with robust health and safety protocols in place when it comes to infection prevention and control. The minimum standard for infection prevention and control, provided by Queensland Health, is a rigorous framework involving:

- appropriate provision, use and disposal of personal protective equipment (PPE)
- performing comprehensive and routine cleaning in accommodation and shared areas
- appropriate handling of linen, dishes and other items removed from accommodation
- preparation and use of requisite cleaning products such as bleach solutions
- social distancing and appropriate use of PPE and when interfacing with guests
- waste handling protocols
- practicing personal hygiene and social distancing.

The Centre also has separation in the accommodation blocks allowing for sections of the site to be allocated for different purposes. You can find out more on the masterplan video on the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre website.

Q: What is being done to ensure infection control and prevention and health requirements are met for the facility?

A: The Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre will have infection control and security standards comparable to other purpose-built quarantine and isolation accommodation.

The Queensland Government is working with key government agencies on all operational requirements including ensuring that best practice Queensland Health infection control and prevention procedures are implemented at the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre.

Q: What will happen if someone contracts COVID-19 at the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre?

A: Should a person develop COVID-19 during their time at the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre, they will be cared for appropriately and if required, transferred to a designated hospital.

Q: How much will it cost to stay in the facility for quarantine or isolation?

A: For travellers from overseas who are still required to complete government-arranged quarantine, the cost will be the same as it has been for hotel quarantine.

Information regarding the cost of quarantine can be found at:
<https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/protect-yourself-others/quarantine/fees-payment>

Currently there is no cost to COVID-positive people who are directed to isolate in government-arranged accommodation due to having unsuitable accommodation available. For those who are directed into isolation accommodation under a public health direction, there will be no cost for their stay.

Q: How much is the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre costing to build?

A: The facility is being built under a joint agreement between the Queensland Government and landowner Wagner Corporation. As with all agreements of this nature, the terms of the agreement are commercial in confidence.

It is common for development agreements, such as the one delivering the Centre at Wellcamp, whether between private parties or with the government, to contain obligations to keep certain information confidential.

This allows commercially sensitive and other confidential information to be shared in negotiations and during the development to allow both the government and the developer to meet their obligations and commitments.

Developers are also sensitive to their internal business affairs, IP and margins being available to the market and other companies.

Q: Why are the Wagners building the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre?

A: Wagners offer a ready to build site and the skills, design and contractors to mobilise quickly and deliver our needs at pace.

This decisive action will keep Queenslanders safe and support our economic recovery to keep people in jobs.

Q: Who is constructing the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre and who will be running the facility?

A: Wagner Corporation is building the facility, with the accommodation modules to be manufactured in the Toowoomba region. The Queensland Government will operate the facility once it is up and running.

Q: Why is the agreement with Wagner Corporation Commercial in Confidence?

A: It is common for these types of contracts to be commercial in confidence.

Q: Why is the cost commercial in confidence when the project didn't go to tender, and when the state government isn't planning on building another one? The State Development Department's website says it is "common for these types of contracts to be commercial in confidence". Can you please explain what this "type" of contract is?

A: When entering into development agreements with private sector companies, these companies need certainty that their commercial-in-confidence information can be kept confidential. It is common for development agreements, such as the one delivering the Centre at Wellcamp, whether between private parties or with the government, to contain obligations to keep certain information confidential.

This allows commercially sensitive and other confidential information to be shared in negotiations and during the development to allow both the government and the developer to meet their obligations and commitments. Developers are also sensitive to their internal business affairs, IP and margins being available to the market and other companies.

Q: Will the Commonwealth allow international flights to land at the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre at Wellcamp?

A: We will continue to work with the Commonwealth and other key stakeholders such as airlines to support direct flights to Toowoomba Wellcamp Airport.

Q: Is Pinkenba still going to be used as a quarantine facility?

A: The Queensland Government is continuing to work collaboratively with the Commonwealth to progress the construction and commissioning of the Centre for National Resilience at Pinkenba.

Q: What are the future uses of the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre once the government stops using it as a quarantine facility?

A: Although the needs around quarantine are changing in the current environment – future uses of the facility are being contemplated. Future use may include workers' accommodation for major project and accommodation for other cohorts, such as seasonal workers.

Several alternatives include worker accommodation for local infrastructure projects, agricultural worker transition, educational purposes and other economic cohorts. These groups will not be 'locked in' for the time being, until we are sure that the facilities will not be needed into the future beyond the expected peaks of the COVID-19 disease. It is important to address the public and economic needs of the state before the facility is used for alternative uses.

The Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre will operate under a versatile model that support opportunities for economic development in the region including engagement of local employees, producers and suppliers within the local supply chain.

Q: What is being done to promote mental health of occupants at the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre?

A: The facility has been designed to promote the mental health and wellbeing of guests and staff by providing access to natural light and fresh air via verandas attached to each room.

Q: Will the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre be accessible for those with disabilities?

A: The facility has been designed for access, mobility, safety and security, infection control and prevention through segregation of staff and quarantined guests, controlled access, and management of movement within the facility.

Q: How is the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre designed to ensure that there are not escapes like at the Howard Springs facility?

A: We're working through operational logistics with a range of project stakeholders. In keeping with our COVID-19 response, we'll ensure community health and safety remains our top priority.

The design and construction of the facility has taken into consideration lessons learned from both Howard Springs and Queensland's Hotel Quarantine and Isolation program. It is the result of a collaborative design process across government agencies, technical advisors and Wagner Corporation.

**Q: What are the design principles for the facility?
How is does the facility incorporate the above design principles?**

A: Facility characteristics that reflect the design principles include:

- A separation of the support services from the accommodation blocks
- Four separate accommodation blocks for guests, supported by their own staffing team and their own arrivals area
- A ring road that circles the site, allowing for direct access to the accommodation blocks by buses to enable guests to disembark at their designated accommodation block
- Infection control requirements embedded through the design with the use of

dedicated clean and dirty zones for goods and staff, and zones for staff to put on and take off their PPE safely.

Q: Will travellers be able to come to the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre via Toowoomba Wellcamp Airport?

A: We are continuing to work with the Commonwealth to support direct flights to Toowoomba Wellcamp Airport.

Q: How is the Wellcamp facility construction and commissioning tracking considering there's been delays with wet weather? Is there a firm opening date?

A: While the weather has slowed some construction on site, delays are being closely monitored with Wagner Corporation to ensure the facility is ready as soon as possible for commissioning and operations as a purpose-built isolation and quarantine facility.

Q: How does having isolation accommodation help protect the community from COVID-19?

A: Having isolation accommodation available means that we can reduce the spread of COVID-19. Reducing the spread of COVID-19 helps to protect our community and reduce pressure on our hospitals, so that hospital beds remain available for those who are in the highest need of hospital care.

Q: What health and security protocols will be in place to ensure that COVID-positive people in isolation accommodation will not go out into the community while they are still unwell?

A: Isolation, whether it be conducted in your own home, other accommodation of your choosing, or government-arranged accommodation is compulsory for those who test positive for COVID-19. If you have tested positive to COVID-19 you are required to immediately isolate for a period of 7 days from the date of undertaking the test, or as otherwise directed by a public health emergency officer.

You will not be permitted to leave isolation during your isolation period.

While in isolation, it is your responsibility to ensure you comply with the latest health directive - Isolation for Diagnosed Cases of COVID-19 and Management of Close Contacts Direction.

If you fail to comply with the public health direction, you may be fined under section 263D of the Public Health Act 2005 (Qld).

Q: What measures will be in place to ensure there are no COVID breaches from the facility?

A: The facility will have the same high level of security standards and health and safety process and protocols as comparable quarantine and isolation accommodation around the nation. The Queensland Government has safe and effective COVID-19 protocols that will be followed and continue to be improved. We have modelled the facility approach on best practice infection prevention and control processes, taking into account learnings from hotel isolation and quarantine facilities.

Q: With an increase of people to the region due to the new facility and potentially an increased number of COVID positive patients, what will the impacts be on Toowoomba's health sector?

A: The facility will have the same infection control and security standards as comparable quarantine and isolation accommodation, including those currently in operation in the South East corner. An effective quarantine process is paramount to our COVID-19 response.

We are continuing to work with local health and safety agencies to minimise the impact on normal service delivery.

Q: Will local community services like health and emergency services be impacted by the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre?

A: Local service planning has occurred in designing the operations for the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre and we continue to work with local health and safety agencies to minimise the impact of normal service delivery.

Aspen Medical has been engaged to provide health workforce for the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre, and they will be onsite at the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre under guidance from Queensland Health.

In addition, dedicated police, security and other health personnel will be on site to minimise impacts on local services.

Q: If an outbreak should occur, how will this be managed from a health point of view?

A: All government services have measures in place to deal with lockdowns as part of their pandemic plans and there will be no reduction in services at the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre due to a lockdown of the surrounding community. We will continue to use the current, successful approach to managing this as we have with our existing COVID-19 response.

Should an outbreak occur in the facility or surrounding community, it will be handled by the public health specialists under the direction of the Chief Health Officer.

For all the latest information on COVID-19 in Queensland visit www.covid19.qld.gov.au.

Q: How will the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre be equipped to deal with an outbreak?

A: The Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre will have a high level of infection control and security standards as comparable quarantine facilities.

All government services have measures in place to deal with outbreaks as part of their pandemic plans, and there will be no reduction in services at the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre facility due to a lockdown of the surrounding community.

For all the latest information on COVID-19 in Queensland please refer to the Queensland Health website at <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-COVID-19>.

Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre Procurement

Q: What is the procurement process for the quarantine facilities and how can proponents participate?

A: Our procurement approach aligns with the Queensland Procurement Policy, which aims to maximise the economic benefit to Queensland, maximise Queensland supplier's opportunity to participate, and to support our regional economies.

Queensland Government is looking to deliver rapid capability in isolation and quarantine facilities management in order to have Queensland's first Regional Accommodation Centre at Wellcamp available for travellers as soon as possible. In response, the procurement process has focused on proponents with the capability to deliver end-to-end facility management solutions.

A competitive tender process has been undertaken with an emphasis on buying

local, ethical sourcing and ensuring workforce opportunities for the local community.

Q: Who is the successful facility management provider for the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre?

A: The successful facility management provider is Compass Group Australia.

Compass Group is a nationally recognised facilities management provider, and has extensive experience in the health sector and in quarantine and isolation environments, including hotel quarantine.

Q: What other organisations and local agencies are involved in service delivery?

A: Queensland Police Service, Queensland Health, Compass Group (who are the facilities manager), Aspen Medical (who will be providing health services onsite) are onsite and making preparations to ready for the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre's initial arrivals.

The Quarantine Management Coordination Centre is in place to coordinate and bring together the inputs from the various agencies who have a role in quarantine and isolation pathways.

Q: Were accommodation modules manufactured locally?

A: The accommodation modules at the Centre were manufactured locally in Toowoomba – supporting local business and bolstering our sovereign manufacturing capabilities.

Q: Who produced the Aboriginal art for the site?

A" Damon Miri Anderson, was commissioned to provide murals for the site, which tell the story of the Bunya nut and its cultural significance for Aboriginal peoples in southern Queensland over thousands of years.

Q: How can local businesses get involved in this opportunity?

A: We are committed to building our regions by increasing the participation of Queensland suppliers and local workforces in procurement opportunities. To support efficient and timely procurement processes, we will follow established Queensland procurement channels, including preferred supplier arrangements or pre-qualified suppliers.

Where small and medium enterprises may not have the capability to deliver end-to-end facility management, there continues to be opportunities for partnership and arrangements between facility management proponents and local business (e.g. food supply).

Q: How can local businesses get involved in this opportunity?

A: We are currently working with the facilities management provider to engage locally under the Queensland Charter for Local Content. This will include a clearly identified communication and engagement channel for local businesses and suppliers to access information about opportunities and tenders related to the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre operations.

We will continue to work with the local Toowoomba business community to provide updates on opportunities and utilise existing communication channels.

More information on this engagement and communication approach will be made available shortly.

Q: How does the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre help the local region?

A: The Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre provides economic opportunities to the local region in Toowoomba and the Darling Downs and we're working closely with the business community to ensure that happens.

We have engaged a bakery based in Toowoomba and are working with fruit and vegetable suppliers in the region to secure produce for the facility.

We have also procured local providers to perform fit testing of N95 masks and translation services for multi-cultural community communications.

Local suppliers will also be providing maintenance, grounds, pest, waste and laundry services through Wagner Corporation.

Other local business suppliers in food and beverage are being engaged to support facility management operations, with further services expected to be locally sourced as the Centre expands in later stages.

Q: Will the government support local businesses' connection with the proponent?

A: The Queensland Government is working closely with third-party proponents to ensure full, fair and reasonable opportunity for Queensland suppliers, including local suppliers and small business, in line with the Queensland Procurement Policy 2021 and Local Buy arrangements.

Q: Who can I contact about being a local supplier for the project?

A: Wagner Corporation and Queensland Health will be managing their respective supplier arrangements.

Q: Will there be employment opportunities with the facility management provider?

A: The Queensland Government is working with the facilities management provider on communication of employment opportunities to the community.

Q: Is the government consulting with the local community regarding the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre?

A: We are actively in discussions with business and community leaders within the region to provide information and transparency on the facility and local opportunities.

We are also working with agencies and associations to achieve benefits for the Toowoomba region including more jobs, benefits for local businesses and consider post-COVID-19 accommodation uses for the facility.

We continue to talk with business and community leaders in Toowoomba and the surrounding regions as part of our ongoing consultation and planning for the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre. Key stakeholders include those in local business, health services, multicultural services, local government, and the education and training sector.

We will keep working with these leaders every step of the way as we move toward the facility's opening to guests in February 2022.

Key stakeholders will continue to be engaged and up to date information can be found at Queensland's quarantine network website:
<https://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/industry/queenslands-quarantine-network/wellcamp-quarantine-facility-toowoomba>

Q: How will the community and other stakeholders be kept informed about what's happening?

A: Key stakeholders will continue to be engaged directly by the Program team. Further information can be found on Queensland's quarantine network website.

Opening of Wellcamp quarantine facility

Event details:			
Date:	Wednesday, 16 February 2022		
Time function begins:	10am	Time function concludes:	11am
Premier's role:	Press conference, overlay		
Address:	Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre at Wellcamp – Technology Avenue, Wellcamp		
Onsite contact:	David Lee M: s.73 Irrelevant informa		
Parking details:	Parking available beside the Logistics/Supplies warehouse (last warehouse on the right-hand side). QRAC staff member will be at boom gate entrance to the site to assist with entry and instructions.		
Dress code:	Covered shoes must be worn.		
WH&S requirements:	N/A		
Wet weather alternative:	N/A		

Run sheet	
Time	Activity
10:00am	Premier arrives and is greeted by the Deputy Premier and Wagner Corporation chairman John Wagner.
10:05am	Premier, Deputy Premier and John Wagner hold press conference.
10:35am	Tour the facility for overlay.
11:00am	Premier departs.

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Hi Greg

Thank you for taking my phone call just now. Any briefing material you can forward to me for the Director-General would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you



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Good afternoon Greg

Please find below email in relation to the attached event. Any advice would be greatly appreciated.

Regards
Arhondi

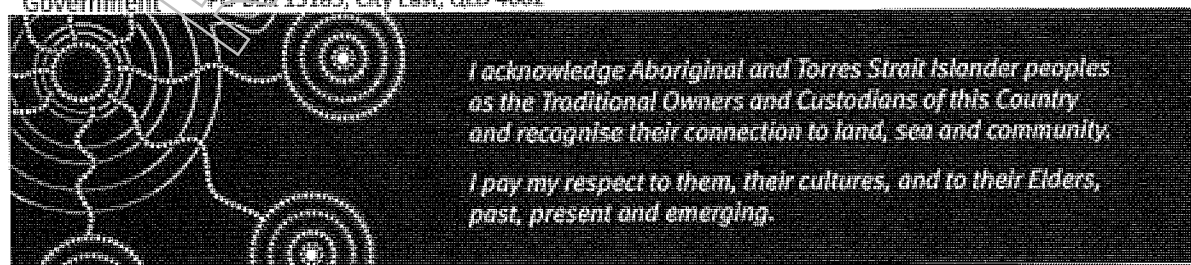


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Good afternoon

DSDILGP have been unable to obtain further docs for this event pack (guest list, run sheet, protocol form) although they are still trying.

Is someone in the PO able to assist by making contact with the Minister's office, or could they please confirm if they have already received this information directly.

If they have received this information, it is possible that they could share it with ODG, as the DG is attending as the Departmental Representative.

Happy for you to call my mobile if you have any further questions.

Any advice is greatly appreciated.

Kind regards



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From: Madison Cann
Sent: Tuesday, 15 February 2022 11:16 AM
To: @Premiers Policy
Cc: @Premiers Media
Subject: Toowoomba

Good morning,

Premier is heading to Toowoomba tomorrow for a media event at Wellcamp.

Base pack has just come in, if advisors could have a quick review by 2pm that would be great. I will be printing from 2 so any changes after that please email me.

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Thanks !



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Subject: TF/22/3795: **SUPER URGENT GOVT EVENT BRIEFING PACK** | Officially Opening the Wellcamp Quarantine Facility in Toowoomba | Wednesday, 16 February 2022 at 10am
Attachments: PBN (DDG) Event Pack - Officially Opening the Wellcamp Quarantine Facility in Toowoomba.DOCX; Attachment 1 - Run Sheet - Premier - Officially Opening the Wellcamp Quarantine Facility in Toowoomba.DOCX; Attachment 2 - Runsheet - Organisation - Officially Opening the Wellcamp Quarantine Facility in Toowoomba.DOCX; Attachment 3 - Speech - Officially Opening the Wellcamp Quarantine Facility in Toowoomba.DOCX; Attachment 4 - Acknowledgements for Speech - Officially Opening the Wellcamp Quarantine Facility in Toowoomba.DOCX; Attachment 5 - Talking Points - Officially Opening the Wellcamp Quarantine Facility in Toowoomba.DOCX; Attachment 6 - Q&As - Officially Opening the Wellcamp Quarantine Facility in Toowoomba.DOCX; Attachment 7 - Premiers Protocol Form - Officially Opening the Wellcamp Quarantine Facility in Toowoomba.DOCX; Attachment 8 - Guest List - Officially Opening the Wellcamp Quarantine Facility in Toowoomba.DOCX; Attachment 9 - Biographies - Officially Opening the Wellcamp Quarantine Facility in Toowoomba.DOCX
Importance: High

Good afternoon

Please find attached the approved brief and associated documents for the Premier's attendance at the above event.

Rachel Hunter, Director-General, will attend as the departmental representative.

Kind regards



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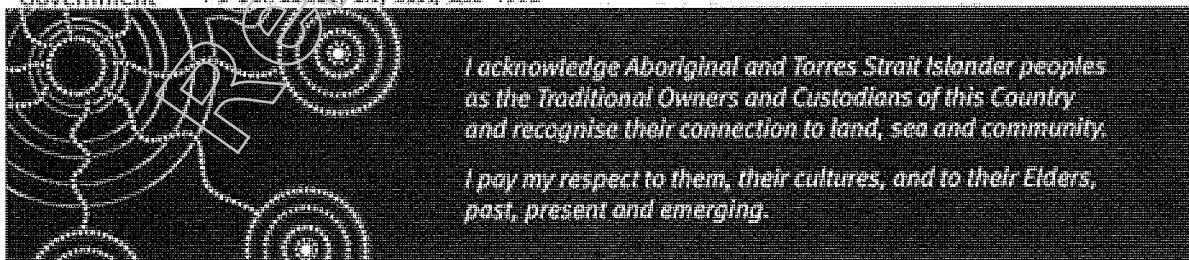
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Official Opening the Wellcamp Quarantine Facility

SUBJECT

The following information is provided to support your attendance at the Official Opening the Wellcamp Quarantine Facility where you will be speaking/opening/presenting

JOBS	400 workers during construction, 90 local workers to employed to operationalise and local companies providing goods and services.
FUNDING BREAKDOWN	Commercial in confidence

DETAILS

- Date: Wednesday, 16 February 2022
- Time: TBC
- Venue: Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre
Toowoomba-Cecil Plains Road

Ms Rachel Hunter, Director General, Department of Premier and Cabinet will attend as the Department of the Premier and Cabinet's representative.

Key documents to support your attendance are provided at **the attached documents**.

KEY ISSUES EXPECTED TO BE RAISED IN RELATION TO EVENT

1) Operations for Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre (QRAC)

- QRAC is a purpose built quarantine and isolation facility that is specifically designed to provide the highest infection, prevention and control (IPC) standards.
- On 7 February 2021, QRAC opened with 250 beds for quarantine and 250 beds for isolation and includes the flexibility to adjust as required. A further 550 beds are expected to be available by 31 March 2022. The Queensland Government has a 12-month lease to operate QRAC, with an option for an additional 12 months.
- Transport to QRAC is through government approved transport providers who meet strict IPC standards and includes buses, taxi providers or personal car.

2) Cohorts to use QRAC

- QRAC quarantine cohorts may include unvaccinated international arrivals and mariners or those who do not have a Therapeutic Goods Association approved COVID-19 vaccine, close contacts who do not have suitable alternative accommodation and potential humanitarian cohorts such as refugees.
- QRAC isolation cohorts may include those who are COVID-19 positive but do not have access to suitable accommodation.
- Individuals who may not have access to suitable accommodation include vulnerable individuals and family members, homeless individuals, vulnerable communities with no suitable facility, students and economic cohorts subject to communal living (for example, on farm, on mine accommodation).
- It is difficult to determine with any certainty expected cohort numbers, noting that the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (DSDILGP) has undertaken some predictive modelling with Queensland Health.
- In the longer term, QRAC can be used for non-quarantine cohorts that may benefit the local area, e.g. accommodation for construction and agricultural workers.

3) Costs of QRAC

- QRAC is a joint venture between the Queensland Government and the Wagner Corporation. QRAC costs are commercial in confidence and have not been disclosed.
- Development of QRAC means Queensland is less reliant on engaging hotels, noting that hotels have clearly indicated their preference to operate on a commercial basis for travellers, given the increasing access to domestic and international travellers.

4) Future need for quarantine and isolation facilities

- The strategy for Queensland's quarantine and isolation requirements is informed by disease modelling provided by Queensland Health. QRAC will provide the majority of quarantine and isolations beds in Queensland, combined with hotel isolation/quarantine facilities throughout Queensland for regional areas.
- Up to February 2022, Queensland's hotel quarantine management program has successfully supported more than 170,000 guests across 62 venues.
- As at 26 January 2022 there were 10 isolation facilities throughout Queensland, and at 10 February there were three quarantine hotels.
- Demand for quarantine has reduced dramatically due to Queensland's changing policy positions. As at 11 February 2022, there were 39 people in quarantine at QRAC and 26 in two hotels in Brisbane and Cairns.
- A 30-day termination notice is being provide to most quarantine hotel providers.
- The Second National Review of Quarantine, led by Adjunct Professor Jane Halton, recommended that jurisdictions should retain the ability to quickly scale-up quarantine capacity to deal with possible future outbreaks or new variants.

5) Local Benefits

- There were 400 workers on site during construction and the accommodation modules were built locally.
- QRAC will employ locals and is working with local businesses to provide goods and services such as food and beverage supply and laundry, maintenance and cleaning.

BACKGROUND

- **[CABINET IN CONFIDENCE]**

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CONSULTATION

- DSDILGP

Comments (*Premier or DG*)

Rachel Hunter
Director-General

XX	Premier departure

Vendor run sheet provided at Attachment 2

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RUN SHEET

INFORMATION FORTHCOMING FROM DSDILGP – ADVICE RECEIVED IS THAT THIS IS NOT EXPECTED UNTIL CLOSE TO THE EVENT

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SPEECH

**QUEENSLAND PREMIER
ANNASTACIA PALASZCZUK MP**

**QUEENSLAND REGIONAL ACCOMMODATION
CENTRE OFFICIAL OPENING
TOOWOOMBA-CECIL PLAINS ROAD,
WELLCAMP**

TIME TBC, WEDNESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2022

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SPEECH

Today is a landmark day in our ongoing response to the pandemic.

It's an opening that heralds a new stage in our economic recovery.

And it's an investment in our future, informed by the lessons of the past.

COVID-19 and Hotel Quarantine

More than two years ago, on 28 January 2020, the first case of COVID-19 was identified in our state.

The very next day, Queensland became the first state in Australia to declare COVID-19 a public health emergency.

You are all familiar with what followed.

Within weeks, a raft of measures were introduced to keep Queenslanders safe.

This included physical distancing, mask wearing and density limits for Queensland businesses.

But the most difficult logistically were new domestic and international border restrictions, with mandatory quarantine on entry.

With no purpose-built facilities available, returning Queenslanders and visitors would undertake 14 days in hotel quarantine.

It's something I experienced first-hand last year, returning from Tokyo.

I am one of the more than 170,000 people who have been supported by Queensland's Quarantine Management Program.

My Government is grateful to all the accommodation providers who have stepped-up to support this program.

Alongside border restrictions, these arrangements have allowed us to manage the virus and avoid the long and costly lockdowns experienced in other states.

But last year, as the virus evolved, it became clear that hotel quarantine was just part of the solution.

We saw how facilities like Howard Springs in the Northern Territory could greatly reduce the risk of transmission.

So my Government began to search for a suitable location in our state, for a new type of quarantine facility.

What we envisioned was a secure facility, offering greater safety, wellbeing and comfort to guests.

Now, just over two years since that very first Queensland case, that vision is a reality.

Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre

Here at Wellcamp, we officially open the first fit-for-purpose regional quarantine facility in the state.

It opens less than six months after announcing we had signed an agreement with the Wagner Corporation to start construction.

The Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre (QRAC) features 500 available beds, with another 550 to be delivered by the end of next month.

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The centre will host people who need to quarantine following travel, as well as COVID-19 positive people and close contacts who cannot isolate elsewhere.

Queensland Health, the Queensland Police Service and Queensland Fire and Emergency Services all had input into the design.

It's been built to meet the highest safety standards, to prevent and control infection.

Unlike hotel quarantine, the centre features separated, self-contained cabins.

All guests have full access to outside balconies, to breathe in the fresh air.

A number of guests who arrived earlier this month are already enjoying these unique facilities.

The Queensland Government has committed to an initial 12-month lease of the centre.

In that time, the facility will be overseen by our newly appointed Quarantine Management Taskforce Commissioner, Joanne Greenfield.

Should we need it, we do have an option to extend that 12-month lease.

But we know quarantine and isolation isn't forever.

That's why this facility is endlessly adaptable.

In the future, it could be used as accommodation for students, visiting community groups, agricultural, manufacturing workers and construction workers – the list goes on.

Speaking of construction, more than 400 workers have been on-site through the construction phase, with all accommodation modules built locally.

The centre will employ more than 90 local people.

Local businesses will also provide goods and services, including food supply, laundry and maintenance.

Wagner Corporation

I'd like to thank the Wagner Corporation for championing this region, and for their long-term commitment, creating thousands of local jobs.

My Government has a proud history of working with the Wagner family.

In recent years, we have supported a number of key projects here at Wellcamp, including:

- The Qantas Group Pilot Academy
- The Toowoomba Wellcamp Trade Distribution Centre, and;
- The new Wellcamp Aerospace and Defence Precinct, with aviation giant Boeing announced as the foundation tenant.

All of these projects – including the new centre – will play an enormous role in our economic recovery from COVID-19.

With the opening of the QRAC, we can be confident that we're well-prepared for whatever lays ahead.

It's a great investment in Queensland's future, and a great asset for the Darling Downs region.

Thank you.

ENDS

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Information forthcoming from DSDILGP – advice received is that this is not expected until close to the event

- I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the Land on which this event is taking place, and pay my respects to Elders past, present and emerging.
- **NAME**, *role*, organisation [*dot points, 20pt*]
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- Acknowledgments may continue on page 3

Question and Answers

Official Opening the Wellcamp Quarantine Centre

Time TBC, Wednesday, 16 February 2022

How will the Centre operate?

- Once complete the Centre will have capacity to accommodate 1050 guests in a purpose-built Centre designed to provide the highest infection, prevention, and control standards.
- The first stage, which is now open, will be used to accommodate up to 250 guests for quarantine purposes and 250 guests for isolation purposes.
- Given the purpose-built design of the Centre, including modular units, the mixture of quarantine and isolation beds can safely be adjusted as required.
- Guests are accommodated in separated, self-contained cabin style accommodation with access to fresh air and balconies.
- The design allows for the delivery of services and supports in a manner that ensures the safety of guest, staff and the community.
- Health services are provided onsite, and where needed, guests will be transported to an appropriate health facility if they require medical attention.
- The Queensland Government is responsible for the operation of this Centre throughout the current 12-month lease, with the option to further extend the lease for 12 months.
- Guests will be transported to the Centre using government approved transport capable of meeting infection, prevention and control standards and includes private buses, taxis and personal cars.

Question and Answers

How can people in quarantine and isolation be at the same Centre?

- The Centre has been designed with robust health and safety protocols in place when it comes to infection prevention and control.
- Operation of the Centre includes processes that align with the Queensland Health standards for infection prevention and control and involves:
 - appropriate provision, use and disposal of personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - performing comprehensive and routine cleaning in accommodation and shared areas
 - appropriate handling of linen, dishes and other items removed from accommodation
 - preparation and use of requisite cleaning products such as bleach solutions
 - social distancing and appropriate use of PPE and when interfacing with guests
 - waste handling protocols
 - practicing personal hygiene and social distancing.
- The Centre also has separation in the accommodation blocks allowing for sections of the site to be allocated for different purposes.

What cohorts will access this Centre?

- The Centre is designed to support a wide range of cohorts required to isolate or quarantine.
- Isolation separates people infected with COVID-19 from those who are not sick.

Question and Answers

- Cohorts at the Centre will include those required quarantine or isolation including:
 - unvaccinated international travellers
 - international travellers who do not have a TGA approved vaccine
 - COVID-19 positive guests who do not have access to suitable accommodation
 - close contacts of COVID-19 positive cases without access to suitable accommodation.
- Individuals without suitable accommodation may include, interstate travellers, vulnerable individuals, family members and communities, unvaccinated mariners, boarding school or university students and economic cohorts subject to communal living, such as on-farm or on-mine accommodation.
- The Centre also has capacity to be used to support a range of humanitarian causes such as refugees or Australian Defence Force personnel supporting humanitarian measures.

As quarantine demand reduces, what will the Centre be used for?

- Demand for quarantine is currently reducing due to the success to the Queensland Government's management of COVID-19, our high vaccination rates, and appropriately informed changes to policy as we move through the COVID-19 pandemic.
- However, there is still a clear need for quarantine and isolation facilities to accommodate unvaccinated international travellers and close contacts and COVID-19 positive cases where there is no suitable accommodation.

Question and Answers

- As we open our international borders, demand for quarantine is likely to increase given current international flights into Queensland are around one per cent of the pre-pandemic volume.
- The Centre also has the potential to be used for a broad range of non-quarantine cohorts that may benefit the local area, for example accommodation for construction and agricultural workers and students.
- As we move forward and in considering the future uses for quarantine facilities, including stage two of this Centre and the quarantine facility at Pinkenba, the Queensland Government will continue to ensure the most appropriate approach is taken to provide value for money for Queenslanders.
- It is appropriate that Queensland has a quarantine and isolation Centre that can be scaled up as required to meet any future outbreaks or new variants.
- This approach aligns with the Second National Review of Quarantine commissioned by the Commonwealth which included a recommendation to have the ability to scale up quarantine accommodation as needed.

Is the Centre safe for local residents?

- The Centre has the same high level of security standards and health and safety process and protocols as comparable quarantine and isolation accommodation around the nation.
- The Centre aligns with the same safe and effective COVID-19 protocols that have been implemented in our hotels.
- We have modelled the Centre approach on best practice infection prevention and control processes, taking into account learnings from hotel isolation and quarantine facilities.

Question and Answers

What is the impact on local service delivery?

- Local service planning has occurred in designing the operations for this Centre and we continue to work with local health and safety agencies to minimise the impact of normal service delivery.
- Aspen Medical has been engaged to provide health workforce for the Queensland Regional Accommodation Centre, and they will be onsite at the Centre under guidance from Queensland Health.
- In addition, dedicated police, security and other health personnel will be on site to minimise impacts on local services.
- We will continue to work with local health and safety agencies to minimise any impacts on local service delivery that may arise

Why is the cost of the Centre not being disclosed?

- The Centre is being built under a joint agreement between the Queensland Government and landowner Wagner Corporation.
- As occurs with a range of government projects with private contractors and companies, the details of this agreement are commercial in confidence.
- This allows commercially sensitive and other confidential information to be shared in negotiations and during the development to allow both the government and the developer to meet their obligations and commitments.
- Developers are also sensitive to their internal business affairs, IP and margins being available to the market and other companies.

Question and Answers

What benefits has the Wellcamp Centre brought to the local community?

- During construction of this Centre there have been up to 400 workers on site and the individual accommodation units have been built locally.
- Moving forward, the Centre will employ more locals, and will work with local businesses to provide goods and services such as food and beverage supply and laundry, maintenance, cleaning and waste management.
- Where small and medium enterprises may not have the capability to deliver end-to-end facility management, there are opportunities for partnership and arrangements between the facility management proponents and local business (for example food supply).
- We have engaged a bakery based in Toowoomba and are working with fruit and vegetable suppliers in the region to secure produce for the Centre.
- We have also procured local providers to perform fit testing of N95 masks and translation services for multi-cultural community communications.
- Local suppliers will also be providing maintenance, grounds, pest, waste and laundry services through Wagner Corporation.

What is the Queensland strategy for quarantine and isolation moving forward?

- The Queensland Government continues to be committed to prioritising the health and safety of Queenslanders, while managing future COVID-19 outbreaks and securing our economic recovery.
- The provision of quarantine and isolation facilities throughout Queensland has been guided by detailed modelling and consideration of demand.

Question and Answers

- Our quarantine and isolation strategy involves having a range of appropriate options available to ensure that quarantine and isolation is appropriate to meet the needs of our communities and that Queensland can rapidly stand-up additional capacity if required.
- This includes:
 - fit for purpose quarantine and isolation facilities such as the one at Wellcamp
 - a range of supporting facilities throughout Queensland, including regional hotels to be used for isolation
 - supporting people in their homes to quarantine or isolate where possible and appropriate
 - ensuring we have a versatile model for managing fluctuating demand.
- Isolation hotels are available in Brisbane, Gold Coast, Longreach, Rockhampton, Mackay, Townsville, and Cairns.

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PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE PROTOCOL FORM

To confirm the attendance of The Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier of Queensland and Minister for the Olympics at your function, could you please kindly complete the following form and return it to the Premier's office as soon as conveniently possible and no later than **two** weeks prior to the function date. The office will also require **final** versions of the following (if applicable)...

- Running sheet
- Guest list
- Seating arrangements for Premier's table
- Speech notes/background information
- List of acknowledgments

Should you have any queries, please contact **Virginia Healy**, Executive Assistant for the Premier's Office on 07 3719 7000. Please return this completed form to virginia.healy@ministerial.qld.gov.au.

FUNCTION DETAILS:	
DATE OF FUNCTION:	
NAME OF FUNCTION:	
PURPOSE OF FUNCTION:	

ORGANISER'S CONTACT DETAILS:			
NAME OF ORGANISATION:			
ADDRESS:			
WORK PHONE:			
WORK FAX:			
NAME OF PERSON TO CONTACT REGARDING THIS FUNCTION:			
MOBILE:			
EMAIL:			
<i>In case of emergency, please nominate a person/s within the organisation who can be contacted on the day of the function (a mobile number is preferred). Please ensure this person is aware they are the emergency contact and their mobile remains switched on.</i>			
NAME OF PERSON #1:		MOBILE:	
NAME OF PERSON #2:		MOBILE:	

FUNCTION VENUE DETAILS:	
NAME AND ADDRESS OF VENUE:	
VENUE ROOM (IF APPLICABLE):	
PHONE NUMBER:	
VENUE CONTACT PERSON:	
EMAIL ADDRESS:	



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PARKING INSTRUCTIONS:

The Premier will arrive in her Ministerial vehicle and a car space will need to be made available for the duration of the Premier's attendance. Please detail parking instructions below.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREMIER'S ARRIVAL:

Please list the location and the name/s of those who will greet the Premier on her arrival.

NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON #1:		MOBILE:	
NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON #2:		MOBILE:	
NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON #3:		MOBILE:	

TIMINGS: (please be sure to indicate am or pm or alternatively use 24 hour time)

TIME FUNCTION BEGINS:		TIME FUNCTION CONCLUDES:	
TIME PREMIER SHOULD ARRIVE:		TIME PREMIER MAY DEPART:	

PREMIER'S ROLE AT FUNCTION:

GUEST SPEAKER:	<input type="checkbox"/>
ATTENDEE/GUEST ONLY:	<input type="checkbox"/>
MEET AND GREET OPPORTUNITY:	<input type="checkbox"/>
AWARD PRESENTATION:	<input type="checkbox"/>
WREATH LAYING:	<input type="checkbox"/>
OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY):	

SPEECH DETAILS:

SPEECH DURATION: (PLEASE NOTE – 20 MINS MAX) PLEASE ENSURE A LECTERN (WITH LIGHT IF EVENING) IS PROVIDED FOR THE PREMIER	
PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU WISH FOR THE PREMIER TO SPEAK ON A SPECIFIC TOPIC:	
PLEASE PROVIDE THE NAME OF THE MC:	
PLEASE LIST THE NAMES AND TITLES OF OTHER SPEAKERS:	1. <input type="text"/>
	2. <input type="text"/>
	3. <input type="text"/>
	4. <input type="text"/>
	5. <input type="text"/>



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OTHER DETAILS:	
WHAT IS THE DRESS CODE FOR THE FUNCTION:	
HOW MANY GUESTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND?	
PLEASE DESCRIBE THE MAKE-UP OF THE AUDIENCE:	
WILL AN INVITATION BE SENT OUT FOR THE EVENT? <i>Please note: invitations promoting the Premier's attendance must be approved by the Premier's office before distribution.</i>	YES: <input type="checkbox"/>
	NO: <input type="checkbox"/>
WILL THE PREMIER BE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN A Q&A SESSION DURING THE EVENT?	YES: <input type="checkbox"/>
	NO: <input type="checkbox"/>
WILL MEDIA BE IN ATTENDANCE AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE?	
PLEASE LIST THE NAMES OF INVITED MEDIA OUTLETS EXPECTED TO ATTEND: <i>Please note: all media requests need to be cleared with the Premier's media team prior to the event. Please contact the Premier's media team on 07 3719 7000 to confirm any arrangements prior to the event.</i>	
PLEASE LIST THE RELEVANT SOCIAL MEDIA DETAILS OF THE EVENT, VIPS AND ORGANISATION <i>including Hashtags, twitter handles, websites and facebook pages</i>	

PLEASE NOTE:

- The correct way of introducing the Premier is: "Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk".
- Palaszczuk should be pronounced *Pal-a-shay*
- The Premier will have two Qld Police officers and two advisors with her at all times and it would be appreciated if they too could be accommodated for at your event. The QPS Officers and advisors need not be accommodated on the same table as the Premier but as close as conveniently possible.
- Requests for the Premier to partake in a Q&A session during your event need to be cleared with the Premier's office. Please contact the Executive Assistant to the Premier on 07 3719 7000.
- Please remember the Premier's office will also require the following documents as well as this completed protocol form prior to the event in order to confirm the Premier's attendance such as; running sheet, guest list, seating arrangements for Premier's table, speech notes/background information, list of acknowledgments
- Full list of VIP acknowledgments must be provided to virginia.healy@ministerial.qld.gov.au and thepremier@premiers.qld.gov.au no later than two days prior to the event.
- Please contact the Premier's office if you require further details.

*Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.
The Premier's office will be in contact to confirm all details prior to the event.*

VIP GUEST LIST

Information forthcoming from DSDILGP – advice received is that this is not expected until close to the event

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BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS

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From: Madison Cann
Sent: Thursday, 10 February 2022 4:43 PM
To: Virginia Healy; DCLO Admin
Cc: Zoe Russell; Shane Doherty; Greg Fowler
Subject: RE: URGENT Materials Request - Official Opening Wellcamp Quarantine Facility

Hey V,

David Lee asked me to order this the other day, apologies should of cc you into it. I was asked to order PBN, TP, Speech, Runsheet, Q&As, BIOS, Guestlist (runsheet & guest list only if we can get it).

I said no dep rep but DCLO can we please update pack to include dep rep now.

I have the pack due same time 12pm Monday.

Maddy

From: Virginia Healy <Virginia.Healy@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 10 February 2022 4:37 PM
To: DCLO Admin <dcloadmin@premiers.qld.gov.au>
Cc: Zoe Russell <Zoe.Russell@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Shane Doherty <Shane.Doherty@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Greg Fowler <Greg.Fowler@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Madison Cann <Madison.Cann@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: URGENT Materials Request - Official Opening Wellcamp Quarantine Facility
Importance: High

Hi Team

The Premier, Deputy Premier and Health Minister will attend the Official Opening of the Wellcamp Quarantine Facility on Wednesday, 16 February, 2022 commencing at 10.00am.

Please organise for the department to prepare the following material for the Premier's consideration:

- Briefing Note including background information
- Departmental Representative

Please seek all available information from the relevant internal Department ONLY.

The relevant Advisor for any queries regarding content of the materials is: **Shane Doherty / Greg Fowler / Zoe Russell**

Could we please have the documentation in our office by **12.00pm on Monday, 14 February, 2022**

Full complement of the requested materials need to be emailed to the relevant Advisor and CC:
premiersbriefingmaterial@ministerial.qld.gov.au

Kind regards



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From: Jim Murphy
Sent: Tuesday, 8 February 2022 2:25 PM
To: Greg Fowler
Subject: RE: International Arrivals.

Thanks Greg



Jim Murphy
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From: Greg Fowler <Greg.Fowler@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 8 February 2022 2:10 PM
To: Kate Adams <Kate.Adams@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Amanda Ronan-Hearn <Amanda.Ronan-Hearn@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Cc: Ross MacLeod <Ross.MacLeod@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Cameron Brown <Cameron.Brown@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Jim Murphy <Jim.Murphy@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: International Arrivals.

The Premier has written to the PM asking that the current cap on unvaccinated international arrivals (excluding citizens and permanent residents) be reduced from 350 per week (which includes a 100 person contingency) to 250 person per week. This would bring us into line with NSW and Victoria.
No response has been received yet.

Unvaccinated Australians have their 7-10 day quarantine managed either at home, in a quarantine hotel or a the regional quarantine centre at Wellcamp.
Unvaccinated others go to one of the remaining quarantine hotels in their (air) port of entry, with 250 of 500 beds reserved for their use at Wellcamp.

The federal definition of fully vaccinated is two doses, at least two weeks apart, of a TGA approved, or an international recognised COVID vaccine. Booster unlikely to be mandated for international arrivals for some time. The international recognised vaccines includes the main ones from India, China and Russia. Details here: <https://www.tga.gov.au/international-covid-19-vaccines-recognised-australia>. You need digital or paper proof in English of your vaccination status: <https://www.health.gov.au/health-alerts/covid-19/international-travel/proof-of-vaccination>

There will certainly be a need for an effective communication strategy with airlines, air port staff, travel agents, and travellers for these ongoing requirements before the volume of tourism arrivals ramps up.

Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(b) Cabinet considerations

Can I suggest you speak with your DG or with Dannielle Cohen if you need more information.
Regards
Greg



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