

# Restrictions will be placed on travel within the entire State of Western Australia, effective from midnight on Tuesday 31 March 2020

As we move through challenging times, working together to keep people safe, the Premier Hon Mark McGowan has acted on the will of the people to STOP non-essential travel within the WA regions.

Now more than ever we all need to support and care for each other as we try to navigate challenging times and unprecedented change, with staying safe and keeping healthy being our priority for our WA regional people at this point in time.

## What does this travel restriction from midnight on Tuesday mean?

- Western Australians will not be permitted to leave their regional boundary.
- You cannot travel within WA it must stop immediately and it's absolutely crucial every Western Australian understands this message.
- Police have the power to enforce these restrictions if required, with potential fines of up to \$50,000 which may be issued.

## Regions impacted

- Kimberley
- Pilbara
- Gascoyne
- Mid-West
- Goldfields-Esperance
- Wheatbelt
- Great Southern
- South West
- Perth and Peel will be treated as one region due to their proximity and interconnected nature.

### If you:

- Are currently away from home you need to come back NOW.
- Have planned trip you cannot go.
- Can postpone bookings with our regional hotels, tours or other providers, rather than
  cancelling, it will greatly support and assist the recovery of our businesses and
  regions when this situation subsides let's all do what we can to make sure our
  regional businesses and people are still there for everyone when this is over.

## **Exemptions** - will apply for, among other things:

- Essential services and workers, including health and emergency services;
- People living in 'border communities', who may not have access to groceries or supplies within their region;
- Employment purposes;
- Medical reasons:
- Transport of essential goods; and
- Some compassionate grounds.

#### Remote Aboriginal communities

 Additional restrictions to remote Aboriginal communities were announced by Aboriginal Affairs Minister Ben Wyatt this week, to provide extra protection to these vulnerable communities.

Let's Stay Safe, Stay Well and Keep our Distance and if you don't need to travel, even if you are from within the Region then please reconsider.