

## COVID-19 Update (as at 5pm, 18 September 2020)

### Overview and key developments

- As at 7.00am Friday 18 September 2020, Queensland has recorded 1150 cases, with five cases reported over the past week. Of the confirmed cases, 1112 have recovered.
- As at 9.00pm Thursday 17 September 2020, Australia has recorded 26,813 confirmed cases, 300 more than the previous week. Of the confirmed national cases, 23,787 have recovered and 832 have died from COVID-19. Six of these deaths have been Queenslanders.
- The Queensland Government today announced it will **lift border restrictions with the Australian Capital Territory** effective from 1am next Friday 25 September.
- Additional **restrictions for the Gold Coast and Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service districts have now eased**. As at 8:00am 17 September 2020, gatherings of up to 30 people are allowed in people's homes and outdoors, visitors are permitted at hospitals, and aged care facilities can accept visitors when they are ready to do so.
- **Public health alerts** continue to be issued for a number of locations related to new cases. The full list can be found on the [Queensland Health website](#). Anyone who has been to these locations at these times should monitor their health and if they develop even the mildest of COVID-19 [symptoms](#), get tested. Find your nearest testing location [here](#).
- The Queensland Government's **moratorium on evictions for commercial leaseholders has been extended** for a further three months to 31 December 2020.
- The Queensland Government has announced **the six-month eviction moratorium for residential tenancies will not be extended**, but several temporary measures that ensure safety in the residential rental sector will continue to apply until 31 December 2020. These include provisions that allow tenants experiencing domestic and family violence to end their tenancy agreement quickly, protection against tenancy database listing for unpaid rent caused by COVID-19 impacts and entry restrictions and requirements that support social distancing.
- **National Cabinet** met today and the following announcements were made:
  - The Queensland Government agreed to increase the number of international arrivals by up to an extra 500 over the next few weeks, taking total arrivals to up to 1000 by early October.
  - The Queensland Government will sign up to the Australian Government's COVID-19 Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment, joining Victoria, Tasmania and Western Australia.
  - The Australian Government gave a \$2 billion commitment to extend telehealth services for a further six months.