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PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 2016

Part 12, Division 3, section 167

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DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH STATE OF EMERGENCY

I, Roger Cook, the Minister for Health, hereby declare a public health state of emergency in respect of COVID-19, a human coronavirus which has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organisation on 11 March 2020.

The area of the state to which the state of emergency declaration applies is—

The whole of the State of Western Australia.

Time when the declaration made—18:30.

Date on which declaration made—16 March 2020.

This public health state of emergency declaration has effect from—Midnight, 17 March 2020.

And remains in force until—

- (a) 23:59hrs on 23 March 2020; or
- (b) the expiry of any extension of the state of emergency declaration made in accordance with section 170 of the *Public Health Act 2016*; or
- (c) it is revoked under section 171 of the *Public Health Act 2016*.

During the period for which this declaration is in force, the emergency powers are limited to the powers contained in the following sections of the *Public Health Act 2016*—

- section 183;
- sections 184, 185, 186, 187;
- section 188;
- section 190(1)(d);
- section 190(1)(p) is limited to the exercise of serious public health incident powers under section 157(1)(e), (g) and (k);
- section 190(1)(q);
- sections 190(2) and (3); and
- Part 12 Division 6, excluding section 195.

This public health state of emergency declaration is made under section 167 of the *Public Health Act 2016*.

R. COOK, Minister for Health.