

Public Health and Other Legislation (COVID-19 Management) Amendment Bill 2022

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Good afternoon

Please find below feedback from West Moreton Health.

- The proposed changes mean that under Section 142 of the Public Health Act authorised persons (QH EHOs) will be able to enter places to check and enforce compliance with public health directions, provided they reasonably suspect an offence is being committed. Entry is authorised without advance notice or a requirement that consent or a warrant be obtained.
- Section 142 provisions are difficult to enforce for an EHO without the support of QPS. Unless QPS officers are appointed as authorised officers under the act for a specific period of time, EHOs would be unable to enforce this provision. It is highly unlikely that QH EHOs would get ongoing support to enforce this provision. We strongly suggest that QPS officers should also be appointed authorised officers for a limited period and make them responsible for the enforcement of Section 142 provisions.
- The definition of 'symptomatic'- means having symptoms consistent with the person having COVID. Should it reference CDNA guidelines definition?
- The offences are on the person, not a business, occupier, correctional centre, RCF, disability accommodation facility etc.

Kind regards

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Practise social distancing



Wash your hands



Avoid touching your face



Cough and sneeze into your elbow



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