



## Key social policy announcements

This document tracks specific State Govt social and economic policy announcements relevant to the services of Anglicare WA and the people we work with and for. It is not focused on health specific announcements relating to disease control and epidemiology.

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## Community Sector and Not-for-Profit Management, Funding and Finance

Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">Establishment of Community Sector Partnership Team and taskforces</a>
Announced	26 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
About this initiative	<p>Taskforces have been established to combine the efforts of community sector service partners and the State so that joint service delivery is targeted where it is needed the most.</p> <p>The taskforces will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♥ plan and respond to the impact of COVID-19 on Western Australia’s vulnerable people</li> <li>♥ plan and respond to ensure vulnerable people have access to essential services</li> <li>♥ ensure that solutions to challenges have a cultural oversight by Communities’ Director General Cultural Council.</li> </ul> <p>The taskforces focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♥ people with disability</li> <li>♥ family and domestic violence</li> <li>♥ homelessness</li> <li>♥ seniors</li> <li>♥ children in care</li> <li>♥ Aboriginal outcomes and partnerships</li> <li>♥ remote Aboriginal communities</li> <li>♥ mental health and alcohol and other drugs</li> <li>♥ young people</li> </ul>

Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">Activation of the State Emergency Welfare Plan</a>
Announced	7 <sup>th</sup> April 2020 and 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
About this initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♥ The Department of Communities takes the primary responsibility for coordinating the provision across the State of “welfare services” (as defined in the Emergency Management Act 2005) and can include the provision of accommodation, food, clothing, and financial assistance, and may extend to other critical support services.</li> <li>♥ The Director General of the Department of Communities, Michelle Andrews, assumes the role of State Welfare Coordinator.</li> <li>♥ A State Welfare Emergency Committee is being established to oversee the delivery of these services across the State.</li> <li>♥ In addition, a State Welfare Incident Control Centre is being established to sit alongside and support the State Health Incident Control Centre.</li> </ul>
Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">Open weekly webinar for community services sector</a>
	14 <sup>th</sup> April 2020

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📍 Michelle Andrews, Director General of Communities has established a weekly interactive webinar series “Tuesdays at Twelve” to provide the latest information to the sector</li> <li>📍 Joined by Deborah Zanella, President of WACOSS and Jennifer McGrath, Commissioner Mental Health Commission to discuss State Emergency Welfare Planning, community engagement and citizen wellbeing.</li> <li>📍 <a href="#">Click this link to join</a> in every Tuesday at 12pm from Tues 14 April</li> </ul>
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Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">Compulsory closure of Certain Places of Business, Worship and Entertainment Directions</a>
Announced	Various staged direction from 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2020
About this initiative	Includes closure of community, recreation or youth centres other than to host essential voluntary or public services such as food banks or homelessness services.

Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">Deferral of some Govt programs relevant to community sector</a>
Announced	26 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
About this initiative	<p>With immediate effect, the following programs will be put on hold indefinitely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📍 The McGowan Government's Public Sector Reform Program;</li> <li>📍 Our Priorities: Sharing Prosperity;</li> <li>📍 Strategic Assessment of the Perth and Peel Regions; and</li> <li>📍 The Supporting Communities Forum.</li> </ul>

Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">Rent relief for small businesses and not-for-profits</a> in government owned property
Announced	30 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
About this initiative	Rent waived for six months for eligible tenants of buildings owned by Government agencies and trading enterprises, effective immediately

Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">\$159 million COVID-19 Lotterywest Relief Fund to provide crisis support</a>
Announced	30 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
About this initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📍 Lotterywest grants prioritised towards a \$159 million COVID-19 Relief Fund</li> <li>📍 <a href="#">\$59 million immediately available</a> for crisis relief for organisations helping people experiencing hardship as well as for community groups impacted by event cancellations</li> <li>📍 Up to \$100 million additional funds to be raised through Lotterywest sales</li> <li>📍 Eligible not-for-profit organisations and community groups can apply immediately for grant support</li> <li>📍 <a href="#">FAQ for applicants here</a></li> </ul>
Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">New law to allow Lotterywest to administer grants for other public authorities</a>

	15 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
	The Lotteries Commission Amendment (COVID-19 Response) Bill 2020 will provide Lotterywest with temporary powers to utilise its expertise in grant administration to assist other public authorities to provide grant programs during and after COVID-19.

Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">\$2500 electricity credit for charities</a>
Announced	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020
About this initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>💡 Electricity bills for around 2,800 charities will be reduced, with a one-off \$2,500 credit provided for groups on community service and charitable accommodation electricity tariffs with Synergy and Horizon Power.</li> <li>💡 The credit will be allocated from May 1, 2020 to reduce current and future bills and is expected to provide an estimated \$6.9 million in assistance.</li> </ul>

Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">Contract flexibility and funding certainty until June 30 at least</a>
Announced	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020
About this initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>💡 Government agencies to continue to pay contracts with the sector until at least June 30, 2020, even if providers are unable to deliver services due to impacts caused by COVID-19</li> </ul>

Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">Eviction moratorium and freeze on commercial rent increases</a>
Announced	14 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
About this initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>💡 a six month moratorium on evictions due to non-payment of rent;</li> <li>💡 a freeze on rent increases;</li> <li>💡 restrictions on penalties for tenants who do not trade or reduced their trading hours;</li> <li>💡 prohibitions on charging interest on rent arrears;</li> <li>💡 the introduction of a dispute resolution process; and</li> <li>💡 an ability for government to prescribed <a href="#">a code of conduct</a>.</li> </ul>

Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">Unpaid pandemic leave for State IR system employees including NFPs</a>
Announced	15 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
About this initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>💡 <a href="#">WA Industrial Relations Commission order</a> grants all State system private sector and NFP employees, including casual staff, up to two weeks' unpaid pandemic leave to cover periods they are required to self-isolate by government or medical authorities.</li> <li>💡 New flexibility provisions for annual leave are also included; employees can, with agreement from their employer, double their annual leave at half pay or take annual leave in advance.</li> <li>💡 State system employers include sole traders, partnerships, unincorporated trust arrangements, and <i>some not-for-profit bodies and incorporated associations</i>.</li> </ul>

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>📍 The new terms apply immediately and will be in place until July 31, 2020, unless extended.</li><li>📍 NB – this does not include those covered by the federal IR system and awards</li></ul> |
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## Financial Hardship

Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">Freeze of household charges until July 2021</a>
Announced	16 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
About this initiative	a freeze will be placed on household fees and charges, including electricity, water, motor vehicle charges, the emergency services levy and public transport fares for the 2020/21 financial year.

Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">Doubling of Energy Assistance Payment</a>
Announced	16 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
About this initiative	Energy Assistance Payment (EAP) doubled to \$600 for various concession cardholders in Western Australia, including pensioners, for 2020/21. Contact Synergy or Horizon for eligibility and applications

Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">Extension of Energy Assistance Payment</a>
Announced	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020
About this initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📍 Eligibility for the previously announced Energy Assistance Payment boost expanded to include new eligible applicants until September 30, 2020.</li> <li>📍 Any person unemployed due to COVID-19 who becomes eligible for a concession card will receive an upfront \$305 credited against their electricity bill (from May 11, 2020) and up to a further \$305 credited over the course of the next year.</li> <li>📍 EAP boost payments for Western Australians, eligible as at March 16, 2020 have been brought forward to this financial year rather than being paid from July 1, 2020 providing relief sooner to WA households.</li> </ul>

Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">Small business support services</a>
Announced	17 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
About this initiative	State Government has created an assistance centre as a one-stop resource for advice and guidance on managing the impacts of COVID-19. The Small Business Development Corporation (SBDC) will provide dedicated, timely guidance on available support options. This includes information on available stimulus packages and eligibility requirements; advice on preparing businesses to manage impacts; and other resources.

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Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">No power or water disconnections</a>
Announced	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020
About this initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📍 No households in Western Australia experiencing financial hardship as a result of COVID-19 will have their power or water disconnected. In addition, as of tomorrow no interest will be charged on deferred bill payments for those</li> </ul>

	<p>experiencing COVID-19-related financial hardship. This applies to Synergy and Horizon Power customers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In place until September 30</li> </ul>
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Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">Relief on State duties and taxes</a>
Announced	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020
About this initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Households that are directly or indirectly impacted by COVID-19 may also apply for an interest-free payment arrangement and for late payment penalties to be waived for transfer duty, landholder duty, vehicle licence duty or land tax.</li> <li>In place until September 30</li> </ul>

Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">Keystart relief</a>
Announced	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020
About this initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keystart customers facing financial hardship due to COVID-19 can apply to defer principal repayments and waive interest costs by up to six months. Assistance will be assessed on a case-by-case basis in line with Keystart's Hardship Assessment policy. This will mean, for example, a customer borrowing \$350,000 over a 30-year loan can defer estimated repayments of \$10,690 over six months, or \$1,781 per month. The interest saving over a six-month period would be around \$7,000 for newly established loans.</li> <li>In place until September 30</li> </ul>

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## Food Security and Regulated Retail Access

Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">Extra shopping hours to help WA's pensioners and people with disabilities</a>
Announced	17 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
About this initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Temporary extended trading hours for one month from 18th March 2020.</li><li>Special arrangements for pensioners, the elderly and people with disabilities to shop from 7am-8am Monday to Saturday and between 10am-11am on Sunday.</li><li>Applies to Coles and Woolworths, other retailers can apply to Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety</li></ul>

Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">Takeaway Alcohol Restrictions</a>
Announced	25 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
About this initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Temporary limits for takeaway alcohol to assist with COVID-19 response</li><li>Ensuring our hospitals are well resourced to manage increased pressure</li><li>Minimising alcohol-related problems during periods of social distancing</li><li>Restrictions will be reviewed after two weeks</li></ul>

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## Mental Health

Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">Direction on assessments and examinations under the Mental Health Act</a>
Announced	7 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
About this initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>📍 If a doctor or AMHP needs to assess or examine a patient to potentially refer them under the MHA 2014, and the patient meets certain risk factors for COVID-19, or has COVID-19, or the practitioner is directed to be isolated, the doctor or AMHP must only use the strategies specified in the Direction.</li><li>📍 If a psychiatrist, doctor or AMHP needs to examine a patient for the purposes listed in the Direction, and the patient meets certain risk factors for COVID-19, or has COVID-19, or the practitioner is directed to be isolated, the psychiatrist, doctor or AMHP must only use the strategies specified in the Direction.</li><li>📍 Practically, it makes audio visual assessments and examinations more available in the MHA 2014 in specific circumstances</li></ul>

Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">New Covid-19 mental health campaign launched</a>
Announced	9 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
About this initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>📍 Think Mental Health's <i>Be Positive. Be Connected. Be Active.</i> campaign focuses on self-care and wellbeing strategies. It provides ways people can support each other and where they can get further help, should they need it.</li><li>📍 The campaign will run on TV, digital, and social media as well as in GP surgeries and other targeted settings over the next four months.</li><li>📍 Visit <a href="http://www.thinkmentalhealthwa.com.au">http://www.thinkmentalhealthwa.com.au</a> for more information or to access resources.</li></ul>

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## Education and Training

Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">Changes to the end of school term one</a>
Announced	26 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
About this initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>📍 From Monday, March 30 to Friday April 3, all students who attend school will continue to be taught</li><li>📍 However, parents are encouraged to keep them home, if they can access online and other learning resources</li><li>📍 Teachers and education assistants will use the final four days before Easter to prepare for Term 2</li><li>📍 During this period, if students need to attend school, they will be supervised</li></ul>

Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">Changes to TAFE</a>
Announced	28 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
About this initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>📍 From Monday March 30 until the end of term on April 9, there will be a temporary pause in the face-to-face delivery of most courses.</li><li>📍 Face-to-face training in essential service courses such as enrolled nursing and aged care will continue. Arrangements for these courses will be modified to ensure safety.</li><li>📍 The new measures will allow lecturers and non-teaching staff to continue to prepare to move to the new style of training in Term 2 which starts on April 28, 2020.</li><li>📍 The colleges will work with employers to ensure that there is continued training for apprentices.</li></ul>

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## Family and Domestic Violence

Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">New laws aimed to protect family violence victims</a>
Announced	2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2020
About this initiative	<p>Changes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>allowing the court to impose a requirement that an offender be subject to electronic monitoring under Conditional Suspended Imprisonment Orders and Intensive Supervision Orders;</li><li>permitting a judicial officer to include, as a home detention bail condition, a direction that an accused be subject to electronic monitoring;</li><li>improving access to restraining orders, including enabling restraining order applications to be lodged online;</li><li>creating a separate offence for breach of a family violence restraining order, increasing the penalty to \$10,000 from \$6,000 and extending the limitation period for prosecuting breach of restraining order offences to two years; and</li><li>allowing the Family Court and Children's Court to issue interim restraining orders on an ex-parte basis, in the same way the Magistrates Court is permitted to do so.</li></ul>

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## Social Distancing Measures and Travel Restrictions

Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">‘Stage1’ Social Distancing Measures</a>
Announced	23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2020
About this initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Facilities including pubs, bars, clubs, indoor sporting venues, cinemas, cultural institutions and places of worship to close immediately</li><li>Restaurants and cafes restricted to takeaway</li><li>As agreed at National Cabinet, WA schools to remain open until the end of term</li></ul>
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Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">Travel restrictions between regions within the State</a>
Announced	27 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
About this initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Travelling to work, both paid and unpaid, are exempted. It is suggested for staff travelling to or for work across the regional boundaries outlined below, they carry a hard copy or electronic letter from their employer.</li><li>Department of Communities have produced a <a href="#">template letter</a> to put on letterhead and use.</li></ul>

Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">Temporary border closure to better protect Western Australians</a>
Announced	2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2020
About this initiative	Temporary border closure to commence at midnight or 11.59pm, on 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2020

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## Remote Aboriginal Communities

Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">Updated Directions for restricted access to remote Aboriginal communities</a>
Announced	21 <sup>st</sup> March 2020
About this initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Access restricted to remote Aboriginal communities</li><li>Exceptions for delivery of essential services, medical reasons, family or cultural reasons</li></ul>

Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">Access further restricted to certain remote Aboriginal communities</a>
Announced	26 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
About this initiative	<p>From 9pm on Thursday March 26, 2020, access restricted into the following regions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Kimberley (comprising all four local government areas);</li><li>Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku;</li><li>Parts of the Shire of East Pilbara that encompass the communities of Jigalong, Martu homeland communities and Kiwirrkurra.</li></ul>

Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">Further restrictions in Kimberley to protect remote Aboriginal communities</a>
Announced	2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2020
About this initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>From midnight 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020, new boundaries, in line with the four local government areas (shires of Broome, Derby West Kimberley, Wyndham East Kimberley, Halls Creek) within the Kimberley region will be in place.</li><li>Exemptions apply</li></ul>

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## Legal Aid and Assistance

Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">Legal Aid increases help to Western Australians amid COVID-19 crisis</a>
Announced	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020
About this initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>📍 Legal Aid WA increases services to Western Australians experiencing hardship because of COVID-19</li><li>📍 More appointments available in areas including employment law, mortgage hardship, elder abuse, consumer protection, credit and debt and financial hardship</li><li>📍 Additional resources allocated to respond to increase in family violence across WA</li><li>📍 Nothing announced for community legal centres that focus on many of these areas</li></ul>

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## Housing

Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">Hotel rooms pilot to protect rough sleepers from COVID-19</a>
Announced	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020
About this initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>📍 About 20 people experiencing homelessness are being moved in to Perth's Pan Pacific hotel in response to COVID-19</li><li>📍 Rough sleepers are unable to self-isolate and many have chronic health issues</li><li>📍 'Hotels with Heart' pilot aims to keep homeless people safe and out of hospital</li><li>📍 New service model could be scaled up to support vulnerable people if the pilot is successful</li></ul>

Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">Eviction moratorium and prohibition on residential rent increases</a>
Announced	14 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
About this initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>📍 a moratorium on eviction for six months except in limited circumstances including, for example: if a tenant is causing serious damage to the property or injury to the landlord or a person in adjacent premises; the landlord or tenant is experiencing undue hardship; a tenant is experiencing family violence and the perpetrator needs to be evicted; the tenant abandons the premises; or the agreement is frustrated;</li><li>📍 a prohibition on rent increases during the emergency period;</li><li>📍 that any fixed term tenancy agreement due to expire during the emergency period will continue as a periodic agreement;</li><li>📍 relieving lessors of the obligation to conduct ordinary repairs if the reason they cannot do so is COVID-19 related financial hardship or a lawful restriction on movement; and</li><li>📍 enabling a tenant to end a fixed term tenancy prior to its end date without incurring break lease fees (tenants will still be liable for damage and rent arrears).</li></ul>

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## People with a Disability

Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">Essential shopping service launches for people with disability</a>
Announced	16 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
About this initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>📍 The essential shopping and delivery service will be provided by <a href="#">Cahoots Connects</a> in partnership with the Department of Communities, National Disability Services, suppliers and retail partners, including supermarkets and pharmacies.</li><li>📍 The service will support individuals isolated in their homes, including people with disability and mental health conditions, older Australians and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through a central 1300 helpline, with information and links to emergency relief services.</li><li>📍 Cahoots Connects is free for eligible Western Australians. People pay only for goods purchased, with experienced staff and volunteers available to take calls and deliver essentials.</li></ul>

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## Older People

Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">Extra shopping hours to help WA's pensioners and people with disabilities</a>
Announced	17 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
About this initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Temporary extended trading hours for one month from 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Special arrangements for pensioners, the elderly and people with disabilities to shop from 7am-8am Monday to Saturday and between 10am-11am on Sunday. Applies to Coles and Woolworths, other retailers can apply to Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety</li></ul>
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Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">Restrictions placed on visits to aged care facilities</a>
Announced	19 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
About this initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Anyone who has been overseas or in contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 within 14 days will not be permitted to visit aged care facilities</li><li>Aged care residents will only be able to receive one visit per day, with a maximum of two people visiting</li><li>Children aged 16 years or less must be permitted only by exception</li><li>Visits should be conducted in a resident's room, a specifically designated area or outdoors - to reduce risk of potential transmission</li></ul>

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## State surveillance, criminal law and civil liberties

Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">Police squad to enforce COVID-19 restrictions</a>
Announced	29 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
About this initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>200-strong enforcement squad to patrol streets and ensure compliance with COVID-19 restrictions</li> </ul>

Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">New emergency management powers to combat COVID-19</a>
Announced	2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2020
About this initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Emergency Management Amendment (COVID-19 Response) Act 2020 enables authorities to compel someone who is directed to self-isolate, and fails to comply, to wear an electronic device or direct that an electronic device be installed at a person's residence.</li> <li>Anyone who fails to comply or removes or interferes with the electronic device without a reasonable excuse, faces a penalty of a \$12,000 fine or 12 months' imprisonment.</li> <li>Authorised officers will be able to issue directions necessary to impose self-isolation and social distancing requirements.</li> <li>Introduce \$1,000 on-the-spot fines without the need to go to court for individuals and \$5,000 fines for businesses who disobey self-isolation and gathering directives.</li> <li>Additional general changes include powers to compel people to provide information about any recent travel undertaken by them and information about people they have been in close contact with in light of COVID-19</li> <li>The Criminal Code Amendment (COVID-19 Response) Act 2020 creates an offence for anyone who knowingly has COVID-19, or says they have COVID-19, and assaults, or threatens to injure or harm a public officer.</li> <li>Penalties of up to 10 years' imprisonment for assaults and seven years' imprisonment for threats or other harm will apply.</li> <li>These laws will only be used during a State of Emergency and will be repealed after 12 months.</li> </ul>

Initiative/Announcement	<a href="#">Funding to expand police tracking and tracing capabilities</a>
Announced	8 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
About this initiative	<p>Funding to purchase 100 mobile intelligence cameras, also known as Automatic Number Plate Recognition technology. These cameras will be immediately deployed to monitor and enforce movement restrictions around the State, such as the intrastate travel restrictions.</p> <p>funding to expand police tracking and tracing capabilities with the purchase of GPS tracking devices for electronic monitoring devices.</p>

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