

24th March

Dear Peter,

Firstly we would like to start with a positive scenario. Fast forward a month. Tasmania hasn't had a COVID case in 14 days. Schools, workplace and society within Tasmania gets back to it's 'new normal'. Being by far the healthiest and most productive economy within Australia. Travel, testing, quarantine & isolation to continue until a vaccine or cure is available.

Every Tasmanian is proud of the actions you have taken and proud to be Tasmanian with their health and families all alive. The current quarantine of returned travellers for 14 days should be applauded as the only proven tactic to slow the spread is government imposed social isolation.

This will only work to it's full effect if followed through with additional measures. To further strengthen this the group of Northern Tasmanian doctors strongly endorse the following public courses of action:

Tasmania's 3 Step Plan:

1. **Complete Shutdown** of schools, face to face work places, health facilities only for urgent cases, pharmacies only for deliveries, online booked reserved supermarket times, etc. For 2 month's to give everyone certainty & stop the virus spreading.
2. **Enforced Medi Hotel Quarantine** for all interstate travellers, recently arrived cruise ship passengers & every positive for 14 days.
3. **Widespread testing** of anyone symptomatic, or anyone in close contact, retesting the high risk contacts 3-4 days later. Allowing GPs, nurses and other health professionals, utilising private rather than just the Royal Hobart testing machine. Continue aggressively tracing contacts and putting out any hot spots.

Additional measures:

- Impose strict fines for breaking isolation or not getting tested if asked to when symptomatic
- Help support those who cannot work - suspend rates, levies, utility payments.
- Support health care workers by obtaining sufficient protective equipment to look after you

Outcome:

- We can then re open society on the island provide we are COVID-19 free for 14 days and have the strictest border measures in Australia. We can no longer rely on trust and education as it only takes one person to ruin it for the rest of us and the 14 day clock to re start.

As the World Health Organisation put it remember 'Speed trumps perfection. The greatest error is to be paralysed by the fear of failure.'

Regards,



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