

Northern Territory of Australia
Public and Environmental Health Act 2011
COVID-19 Directions (No. 39) 2020
Directions for Major Public Events

I, Hugh Crosbie Heggie, Chief Health Officer, under section 52 of the *Public and Environmental Health Act 2011*, consider it necessary, appropriate or desirable to take action to alleviate the public health emergency in the Territory, declared by instrument entitled "Declaration of Public Health Emergency", dated 18 March 2020, by making the following directions:

- 1 These Directions take effect from the date they are made and remain in force while the public health emergency declaration is in force.

Note for direction 1

The period the declaration of public health emergency is in force has been extended under section 50(2) of the Act. These Directions remain in force during the periods of extension.

- 2 In these Directions:

major public event means an event or public gathering that is ticketed or open to the public at a private location or a public place.

organiser, in relation to a major public event, means:

- (a) the person that is responsible for organising the major public event; or
 - (b) if that person cannot be identified – the person in charge of or apparently in charge of the major public event.
- 3 The organiser of a major public event that is expected to have more than 500 people must complete and submit to the Agency a COVID-19 event safety plan, in a form approved by me, before holding the event.
 - 4 The organiser must not hold the major public event unless the COVID-19 event safety plan is approved by me, subject to any conditions I consider appropriate.

- 5 The organiser must comply with the approved COVID-19 event safety plan and any conditions on the approval during the major public event.

Notes for COVID-19 Directions

- 1 *Section 56 of the Act provides for an offence for failing to comply with a direction given by me under section 52 of the Act.*
- 2 *The maximum penalty for this offence is 400 penalty units.*
- 3 *A person is not guilty of this offence if the person has a reasonable excuse.*

Dated

 Digitally signed by Dr Hugh Heggie
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