

Stand-alone Quarantine accommodation – key assessment criteria and health criteria

Key Assessment Criteria for Commonwealth Partnership

Health

Adherence to the AHPPC's National Principles for Hotel Quarantine and guidance outlined by AHPPC and its sub-committees

Adherence to health criteria (see details over page), including within approximately 1hr vehicle transport to a tertiary hospital, otherwise known as a principal referral hospital

Able to maintain a sufficient workforce (particularly health workforce) without significantly impacting existing COVID-19 response efforts

Infrastructure and operations

Located in a position that will not impact upon existing Commonwealth operations

Built in a location that is not likely to be subject to a significant adverse weather event

Suitability of the identified site for rapid establishment of a quarantine facility – i.e. any existing enabling infrastructure, property rights, etc.

Proximity to an international airport taking regularly scheduled international commercial passenger flights (with limited bus transfer)

Long-term viability as a quarantine and as a multi-purpose facility (including potentially building communal facilities which would not be used for quarantine purposes, but could be used to assist with scalability)

Able to be scaled up to cater for larger cohorts if necessary

A national facility for use by all Australians, not those solely of a specific state: to support the Commonwealth to bring Australians home from overseas as soon as is safely possible

Quarantine operations managed and run by state and territory governments and/or the private sector

In addition to existing quarantine capacity and complementary to hotel quarantine

Capacity and use of the purpose-built facility cannot be reduced without consultation and agreement of the Commonwealth

Resilient to a variety of weather conditions

Value-for-money

Commonwealth-owned, to provide an enduring asset to support resilience (Commonwealth ownership will mean that the investment not only supports Australia's COVID-19 response, but contributes to an increased resilience capability)

Represents value-for-money

Proportionality of quarantine capacity to e.g. state population, hospital capacity

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Health Criteria

The health criteria is based on the most recent health advice, informed by the Chief Medical Officer and AHPPC and will be regularly reviewed.

Criteria

Close – within approximately 1hr vehicle transport – to a tertiary hospital, otherwise known as a principal referral hospital

Ability to house families together and to accommodate very young children

Ability to group cohorts of residents according to risk, including identified vulnerable groups

Space to allow sufficient physical separation between individuals, groups and cohorts

Self-contained units and non-communal amenities (e.g. bathrooms, kitchenettes)

Space for effective infection prevention and control implementation, including PPE donning and doffing at entrance and exit points

Space to establish and operate suitable medical facilities and related activities (e.g. administrative) including testing, resuscitation, and ambulance transfer

Capacity to accommodate COVID-19 positive cases with mild symptoms

Access to appropriate health and other supporting workforce essential to the provision of health services to staff and residents in quarantine accommodation (e.g. welfare staff)

Readily accessible links to local health facilities without causing undue burden

Ready access to medical supplies, medicines (including pharmacy), PPE, waste and consumable

Compliant with standards for access for people with disabilities

24/7 access to primary care, clinical and mental health services, pharmacy access, and emergency call arrangements