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AGENDA

Wednesday 31 August 2022

3.00pm – 4.30pm

Sydney Commonwealth Parliament Office,
1 Bligh Street, Sydney

Agenda item	Format	Presenter
1. Acknowledgment of Country Welcome and introduction	Oral Update	Prime Minister
2. COVID-19 a) Update from the Acting Chief Medical Officer b) COVID Settings c) Update on Planning for Future Waves	Oral Update Discussion Paper for Noting	Professor Michael Kidd

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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NATIONAL CABINET MEETING

31 August 2022

ATTENDEE LIST

COMMONWEALTH

Prime Minister
Secretary

The Honourable Anthony Albanese MP
Professor Glyn Davis AC

NEW SOUTH WALES

Premier
Secretary

The Honourable Dominic Perrottet MP
Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter

VICTORIA

Premier
Secretary

The Honourable Daniel Andrews MP
Mr Jeremi Moule

QUEENSLAND

Premier
Director General

The Honourable Annastacia Palaszczuk MP
Ms Rachel Hunter

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Premier
Director General

The Honourable Mark McGowan MLA
Ms Emily Roper

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Premier
Chief Executive Officer

The Honourable Peter Malinauskas
Mr Damien Walker

TASMANIA

Premier
Secretary

The Honourable Jeremy Rockliff
Ms Jenny Gale

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Chief Minister
Director-General

Mr Andrew Barr MLA
Ms Kathy Leigh

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Chief Minister
Acting Chief Executive Officer

The Honourable Natasha Fyles MLA
Ms Kathleen Robinson PSM (attending virtually)

GUEST SPEAKERS FOR EXPERT BRIEFINGS

Professor Michael Kidd, Acting Chief Medical Officer (attending virtually)

Meeting of National Cabinet**31 August 2022 – CPO, Sydney****Record of Meeting****1. Acknowledgment of Country, welcome and introduction**

The Prime Minister provided an acknowledgement of country and welcomed Premiers and Chief Ministers to the meeting.

2. COVID-19

The Commonwealth Acting Chief Medical Officer, Professor Michael Kidd:

- Provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic, including uptake of vaccine booster doses and COVID-19 treatments.

- s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Following the discussion of the current COVID-19 situation s 22(1)(a)(ii), First Ministers:

- **Agreed** to reduce isolation periods for COVID-19 positive cases from seven to five days following a positive test, for people with no symptoms at five days. Seven days isolation remains for workers in high risk settings including aged care, disability care, and those providing care in the home. This will come into effect from Friday 9 September.
- **Agreed** the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) will come back to National Cabinet by 9 September 2022 with further advice on isolation requirements for health care settings.
- **Agreed** to remove the mandatory wearing of masks on domestic air travel from Friday 9 September.
- **Noted** that decisions on requirements for wearing masks on public transport are a matter for each jurisdiction, taking into account their own circumstances.
- **Agreed** to meet again in mid-September for a further discussion on the future of the PLDP.
- **Noted** the work underway in planning for future waves of COVID-19.

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