

MEDIA RELEASE

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Airport warns travellers be aware of new health direction

The new public health direction, in place from 11.59pm on Sunday 20 December 2020, legally requires travellers arriving in the ACT who have been in a COVID-affected area of Greater Sydney, Central Coast and Wollongong areas are legally required to notify ACT Health of their intention to travel to the ACT, via an online declaration form.

Anyone who has been in the Greater Sydney, Central Coast and Wollongong areas from 21 December 2020 is required to quarantine for 14 days.

Managing Director, Stephen Byron, said it is important everyone understands the new directive before they travel.

“If you come into the ACT with a view to transit through Canberra Airport into other jurisdictions without declaring you have recently visited a COVID-19 affected location, you are breaking the law,” Mr Byron said.

“Do not try to use travel through Canberra Airport as a loophole to get around these requirements. The rules are simple - If you have been to a COVID-affected area there is to be no transiting through Canberra Airport without quarantining for 14 days.

“It’s important we keep a strong focus on the health and safety of all passengers and we also don’t want to see other states closing their borders to the ACT. I’m urging everyone to do the right thing.”

For more information on how the Canberra Airport is working to keep passengers safe during and beyond COVID-19 go to <https://www.canberraairport.com.au/>

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