



“Governments Took The Side Of Protesters Over Mainstream Australians”

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***A daily email by free market think tank the Institute of Public Affairs, providing the latest economic data and policy measures for journalists, commentators and IPA members.***

**Daily IPA comment attributable to Daniel Wild, Director of Research at the Institute of Public Affairs:**

“Federal and state governments took the side of protesters over mainstream Australians by failing to stop these mass gatherings while at the same time maintaining draconian restrictions on work, recreational, and familial activities such as weddings and funerals.”

“Mainstream Australians must not be forced to suffer any longer under the lockdown measures as a result of the protests over the weekend. Governments must continue to wind back the lockdown measures immediately.”

“That elected members of Parliament wilfully violated the rule of law by attending the protests over



the weekend while more than a million Australians remained unemployed proves that we are not all in this together, and the political class plays by its own set of rules.”

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## **Latest Changes**

### **Australia**

- 7,276 confirmed cases and 102 deaths. There are 430 active cases and 6,744 recoveries. There are 20 cases in hospital and 3 of those are in intensive care.
- The Northern Territory government has announced a \$5.2 million tourism voucher scheme. Under the scheme, 26,000 vouchers worth \$200 each are available to Territorians aged 18 and over to put towards a tourism experience, tour, accommodation, hire car or recreational fishing charter, provided they make an equal contribution to their activity. Vouchers are available from 1 July and are valid for 30 days.

### **Labour force paid by the government**

53.6% of the labour force is either directly employed by Commonwealth and state governments or local councils, or is in receipt of the JobSeeker unemployment payment or the JobKeeper wage subsidy:

- Public sector: 2 million (15.1% of labour force).
- JobSeeker: 1.6 million (12.1% of labour force).
- JobKeeper: 3.5 million (26.4% of labour force).
- Total: 7.1 million (53.6% of labour force).
- Labour force: 13.24 million.

### **Plans to lift restrictions**

#### **NSW**

##### **Current restrictions**

- Home gatherings limited to a maximum of five visitors including children.
- Weddings limited to 20 guests.
- Funerals restricted to 20 people indoors and 30 people outdoors.
- Pubs, clubs, cafes, and restaurants are restricted to 50 customers and must not exceed one customer per four square metres.
- Religious services restricted to 50 people.
- Employers must allow employees to work from home where it is reasonably practical to do so.

##### **Announced easing of restrictions**



## 13 June

- Home gathering restrictions will be lifted to 20 guests not including the household.
- Gyms, yoga studios, tattoo parlours and massage parlours can reopen with a limit of 100 people per venue and 10 people per class.

## 1 July

- Underage sport competitions allowed. Restriction still in place for adult sport competitions.

## Victoria

### Current restrictions

- Private gatherings limited to 20 people including the members of the household.
- Staff are required to work from home if they can.
- Weddings limited to 20 guests.
- Funerals limited to 50 people.
- Religious services limited to 20 people.
- Restaurants, cafes, and pubs restricted to 20 customers per space. Alcohol only served with food.
- Beauty services, community facilities, swimming pools, museums, amusement parks, zoos, non-contact outdoor sporting activities, real estate auctions, and open houses are restricted to 20 people per space with social distancing measures.
- Shared facilities at camping and accommodation venues must remain closed.
- Indoor sports centres and gyms remain closed.

### Announced easing of restrictions

## 22 June

- The restrictions on cafes, restaurants, and pubs will be raised to 50 people.
- Community facilities, swimming pools, museums, amusement parks, zoos, and non-contact outdoor sporting activities will increase to 50 people per space with social distancing measures.
- Gyms and other indoor sports centres will be allowed 20 people per undivided space and 10 people per group.
- Indoor venues including cinemas, concert venues, and stadiums will be allowed up to 50 seated patrons per space.

## Mid-July

- The restriction on cafes, restaurants, and pubs may be raised to 100 people.

## Queensland

## Current restrictions

- Home gatherings limited to 20 people including the household.
- Funerals limited to 50 people.
- Weddings limited to 20 people.
- Restaurants, cafes, and pubs restricted to 20 patrons per space.
- Beauty services, entertainment venues, auctions, open homes, libraries, and museums limited to 20 people.
- State border restrictions remain in place. Entry is restricted to Queensland residents, residents from border communities undertaking essential services, and those with an exemption. International travellers and interstate travellers from declared hotspots must undertake a 14 day quarantine.

## Announced easing of restrictions

10 July

- Gathering limits raised to 100 people.

## South Australia

### Current restrictions

- Gatherings restricted to 20 people per room or area, with 1 person per 4 square metres, up to a total of 80 guests at the venue. This includes venues such as cafes and restaurants and events such as weddings.
- Funerals are restricted to a maximum of 50 attendees.
- Alcohol can only be served with a meal to those seated.
- Indoor and outdoor sport is permitted but restricted to non-contact activities. Indoor sport restricted to training only. Changing rooms, showers, and sauna or spa facilities must remain closed.
- Non-essential travellers may enter the state, but quarantine for 14 days.
- Visitors to aged-care facilities must have had an influenza vaccination.
- Movement into some remote and regional areas is restricted at least until 17 September.

## Announced easing of restrictions

25 June

- Indoor sport competition can take place, restricted to non-contact only.

## Western Australia

### Current restrictions



- Non-work indoor and outdoor gatherings restricted to 100 people per single undivided space, and up to 300 people in total per venue across multiple spaces.
- Weddings and funerals restricted to 100 people.
- Intra-state travel is permitted, but some restrictions remain for travel to remote communities.
- All venues are restricted to 1 person per 2 square metres.
- Alcohol may be served without a meal, but patrons must be seated.
- Food courts can reopen, but patrons must be seated.
- All wellbeing and health services (beauty salons, saunas, etc.) can resume. All gyms, health clubs, and indoor sports centres can reopen, and contact sport and training is allowed.
- Tabs and Pub TABs can reopen.
- Businesses encouraged to bring workers back on-site.

## Tasmania

### Current restrictions

- Indoor and outdoor gatherings restricted to 20 people, with physical distancing and a maximum of 1 person per 4 square metres.
- Weddings and religious ceremonies (including church services) limited to 40 attendees.
- Funerals limited to 50 attendees.
- Households limited to 10 visitors.
- Museums, galleries and historic sites limited to 80 attendees.
- Theatres and concert venues limited to 40 attendees.
- Outdoor community sport and indoor sport and recreation permitted with up to 20 participants. Showers and change rooms remain closed.
- Working from home is encouraged.

### Announced easing of restrictions

#### 13 June

- Racing resumes.

#### 13 July

- Limit on gatherings increased to 50-100 people.
- Aged care homes allowed 5 visitors.
- Day trips and camping for school groups allowed.
- Saunas and bathhouses can reopen.
- Allowed five visitors and multiple visits.

## Northern Territory

### Current restrictions



- All interstate arrivals must quarantine for 14 days in a facility of the governments choosing and will be required to pay costs.
- Major events are restricted and subject to a case-by-case approval.

#### Announced easing of restrictions

From 15 June

- Interstate arrivals must still quarantine for 14 days but can choose their own self-quarantine arrangements.

### **ACT**

#### Current restrictions

- Gatherings limited to 20 people with 1 person per 4 square metres.
- Funerals limited to 50 attendees.
- Beauty therapy, nail salons, spa and massage parlours open.
- Gyms, health clubs, fitness and wellness centres restricted to small group supervised sessions.
- Low-contact indoor and outdoor sport permitted.

#### Announced easing of restrictions

19 June

- Concert venues, theatres, arenas, auditoriums and stadiums open for rehearsals and small performances with a maximum of 50 people.