

ERA COVID-19 Management Plan for Ranger Project Area



FACT SHEET – APRIL 2020

Key points

- ERA's greatest priority is the health and safety of its people and the communities in which it operates.
- ERA fully supports all Government directives and health protocols to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to vulnerable populations in remote communities.
- ERA has stringent steps in place to minimise the spread of COVID-19.



Overview

- As part of the plan to limit the spread of COVID-19, there are tight restrictions in place regarding travel to remote regions, including West Arnhem.
- ERA has been granted an exemption from travel restrictions for essential workers.
- In order to qualify for this exemption, ERA submitted a detailed COVID-19 Management Plan (**Management Plan**) for approval.
- The Management Plan sets out the actions and protocols that ERA is implementing to protect the community and its employees.
- These steps **must** be followed by **all** ERA employees and contractors until further notice in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19.



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How is ERA protecting the Jabiru community?

- ERA has created separate work teams to minimise all interactions between Bus in/ Bus out (BIBO) and Fly in/Fly out (FIFO) Employees (ERA employees who travel to Jabiru for work), with employees who permanently reside in Jabiru.
- Separate teams of BIBO/FIFO Employees and Resident Employees will:
 - Wear different coloured vests/shirts at all times to show which team they belong to
 - Enter and exit the Ranger site through separate entrances at staggered times
 - Use separate office buildings, buses and other vehicles.
- Rosters have been revised to enact this team separation immediately.
- Stringent temperature and medical screening will continue to be undertaken for all BIBO/FIFO Employees before any travel commences to Jabiru.
- Once at Ranger and in Jabiru, BIBO/FIFO Employees will:
 - Stay at the Ranger FIFO camp in Jabiru (not the Jabiru community)
 - Have all their meals at the Ranger FIFO camp in Jabiru
 - Be required to stay within the camp grounds when not working
 - Travel to and from Ranger using only designated BIBO transport.
- BIBO/FIFO Employees will only be permitted to work at Ranger if they have not been outside Australian territory in the preceding 14 days,

have no known exposure to the virus nor are they displaying any potential symptoms associated with the virus.

ERA continues to comply with all applicable Government requirements, including hygiene recommendations and social distancing protocols. ERA has implemented strict procedures and initiatives to ensure its activities do not compromise the health of the local community.

What else is ERA doing?

- ERA wholly supports the travel and border controls already introduced by Federal, State and Territory Governments to limit the spread of COVID-19.
- ERA has elected not to seek an exemption to the restrictions regarding interstate arrivals: any ERA employees (and contractors) from interstate who come to the NT **must** complete the required full 14 days of isolation.
- If isolation is required, then the 14 day period must be completed in Darwin *before* travel to Jabiru.
- ERA is actively participating in the Jabiru Pandemic Action Group, a body formed to implement protective measures for the local communities in and around Jabiru.
- In addition, ERA is applying all directives from Governments, health authorities and relevant agencies such as the Northern Land Council.

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