

Northern Territory of Australia
Public and Environmental Health Act 2011
COVID-19 Directions (No. 27) 2020
Amendment to COVID-19 Directions No. 22

I, Hugh Crosbie Heggie, Chief Health Officer, under section 52 of the *Public and Environmental Health Act 2011*, consider it necessary, appropriate or desirable to take action to alleviate the public health emergency in the Territory, declared by instrument entitled "Declaration of Public Health Emergency", dated 18 March 2020 (the ***public health emergency declaration***), by amending my COVID-19 Directions (No. 22) 2020 to insert the following, after direction 16:

16A For direction 15(i), a person who is required to enter the Territory for the administration of justice in the Territory includes an Australian lawyer, within the meaning of the *Legal Profession Act 2006*, who is entering for the purpose of appearing in court in circumstances in which appearance in person is required.

Notes for COVID-19 Directions

- 1 *Section 56 of the Act provides for an offence for failing to comply with a direction given by me under section 52 of the Act.*
- 2 *The maximum penalty for this offence is 400 penalty units.*
- 3 *A person is not guilty of this offence if the person has a reasonable excuse.*

Dated

Chief Health Officer