



PAROLE BOARD QUEENSLAND RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Parole Board Queensland (the Board) is cognisant of the potential impact of COVID-19 on both parolees and the prison population. The Board is also aware of changes to court processes.

The Board has put in place processes to prioritise the consideration of parole applications by people identified to have a particular vulnerability to COVID-19.

On the basis of Queensland Health advice, the following prisoners may fall into the category of people vulnerable to the virus:

- is aged 60 or over;
- is an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander;
- has a chronic medical condition;
- has asthma or a respiratory condition;
- has a weakened or compromised immune system.

Essential documents and information

If your client's request to prioritise a decision, or exceptional circumstances application, is based on vulnerability to COVID-19:

- Evidence of vulnerability, including medical evidence;

Note: Medical evidence is required in accordance with the Ministerial Guidelines.

The Board will seek the assistance of Queensland Health, if necessary, to obtain medical records with a prisoner's consent. However, as stated above, this process will divert the Board's limited resources and delay consideration of the application.

- Form 28 application for exceptional circumstances parole;
- Form 29 application for those who have had a parole order cancelled and have not yet re-applied;
- 'Show cause' submissions in the case of indefinite suspensions of parole, addressing the reasons the order was suspended and how risk can be managed upon re-release;
- 'Show cause' submissions regarding any recent incidents and breached in custody.

Further information

Should you require any further information or assistance please contact the Parole Board Legal Services Unit as follows:

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