

# A FUTURE FOR ALL OF US



## COVID - 19 COMMUNIQUE

Friday 6 March 2020

Dear Branches, Active Members, Supporters and Staff,

### **Re: Keeping one another safe during the campaign period**

I am writing to update you on the novel coronavirus COVID-19 and recommended precautions during this busy campaign period in the leadup to the Council Election.

There are three weeks to go until the council election and there are forty candidates and five large field campaigns operating in the south-east.

This is our busiest period in a campaign with activities including committee meetings, field campaigning, training and handing out at polling booths.

At this stage, the advice given to us by Queensland Health and the Electoral Commission is that all party **activities can continue**, including meetings, gatherings, doorknocks and stalls etc however remember to avoid close contact, handshakes, hugs etc and make available hand sanitiser for use by attendees, staff or the general public.

While it is extremely unlikely that if you come down with an illness it will be a case of the COVID-19 virus, it is advisable to wait until you have fully recovered before participating in Greens activities again. Working from home is encouraged.

The latest transmission minimisation advice is to avoid skin to skin contact, wash your hands thoroughly with soap and avoid spreading airborne germs through sneezing and coughing.

Masks are helpful in making sure you do not spread your germs and should be worn **only if you are sick** (advice is that masks are not helpful as protection from others if you are healthy).

Details on the latest updated advice can be found on the Queensland Health website.

As you would be aware, the Government has announced updated travel restrictions which now include travel from Italy, Iran, South Korea and China.

Members, supporters or staff cannot attend Greens events or activities if they have:

- left, or transited through a travel restricted country in the last 14 days
- been in close contact with a confirmed case of coronavirus in the last 14 days (they must isolate themselves for 14 days after the date of last contact with the confirmed case).

These are important preventative measures that have been put in place in the interests of public health.

Anyone who has completed the self-quarantine period of 14 days and shows no symptoms of illness is eligible to participate in Greens events or activities.

If you are self-quarantining or have been diagnosed with Covid-19 please let the party know as soon as possible via a call or an email to the State Office.

The situation is changing rapidly and we will continue to take advice from Queensland Health and the Electoral Commission in relation to this matter.

If you have any questions please contact me on the State Office number (07) 3357 8458 or email [director@qld.greens.org.au](mailto:director@qld.greens.org.au).

Again, thank you for your understanding and attention to this important matter.

Kind regard

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