

COVID-19 INDEPENDENT CONTINUOUS REVIEW, IMPROVEMENT AND ADVICE GROUP: MEETING AGENDA

Date &	Tuesday 24 August 2021, 5-6pm		
time			
Location	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82610684360?pwd=SWFnS3NIVjAxRC9Yc0R5NGpkdWl3QT09		
	Meeting ID: 826 1068 4360		
	Passcode: 721004		
Attendees			
	(DPMC), Natasha Dcosta		
Apologies	Amber Bill (DPMC)		

	Agenda item	Duration	Lead
1.	Disclosures of interests and confirmation of minutes	5 min	Secretariat
2.	 Report back on meetings Minster Hipkins (Brian) Delta scenario planning (Debbie, Dale, Philip) MIQ (Brian, Rob) Transition unit (Debbie, Philip) Note: meetings with Trayel Health Pass/border sprints (Philip); and NEMA (Philip, Debbie) deferred.	10 min	All
3.	Real time continuous improvement – Delta outbreak	30 min	All
4.	Reconnecting NZ work programme and systems to consider once vaccination programme rollout complete	10 min	Brian
5.	Any other business and next meeting Note: Surveillance Strategy peer review and response has been moved to the next meeting at the request of the Secretariat.	5 min	All



COVID-19 Independent Continuous Review, Improvement and Advice Group Minutes

Date	Tuesday 24 August 2021		
Time	5:00-6:00pm		
Venue	Zoom		
Attendees	Sir Brian Roche (Chair) Debbie Ryan Dale Bramley Philip Hill	Rob Fyfe Natasha D Costa (DPMC) Louise Cox (DPMC)	
Apologies	Amber Bill (DPMC)		
Minute taker	Louise Cox		

Item 1: Disclosures of interests and confirmation of minutes

1. s9(2)(a)

Item 3: Real time continuous improvement - Delta outbreak

(No discussion on *Item 2: Report back on meetings*)

- 2. The Group discussed the conversation with Brook Barrington (Monday 23 August) and a summary note of strategic issues pulled together by the DPMC Secretariat. Further to the summary note, the Group agreed to write up a note that covers:
 - observations made in the pre-vaccinated world
 - how we can create and maintain a model that focusses on requirements within our borders (in addition to at and beyond borders through Reconnecting New Zealanders).
- 3. The note is appended to these minutes.

Item 4: Reconnecting New Zealanders work programme

4. It was noted that work is continuing to proceed on Reconnecting New Zealanders. The issue of insufficient public health expertise in the Safe and Smart Borders workstream was discussed.

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While public health advice is being sought from Auckland Airport, the Group may lean in to help fill the gap. It was agreed that it will be helpful to get different public health perspectives into this work. It was also noted that Christine Stevenson, CE of the New Zealand Customs Service has demonstrated impressive leadership and builds effective culture.

5. Regarding vaccination of essential workers, Debbie raised an observation from an earlier meeting with Christine that there is a real opportunity to make a difference through getting employers more involved. It was noted that it will be interesting to see how the Delta outbreak may change sentiment towards vaccination.

Item 5: Any other business and next meeting



7. Dale brought the view that the current hospital infrastructure is not equipped to deal with COVID-19 patients in that they are not designed for pandemic management. This is exacerbated by the risk of large parts of hospitals needing to be shut down. Solutions such as keeping COVID-19 patients separate from other public infrastructure and cohorting could be explored. Being able to separate COVID-19 from other healthcare and giving care that least exposes others are key.

Action register – Live actions

	Date of meeting	Action	Responsible owner	Comments
1	15 June 2021	Brian and the Secretariat will discuss the idea of inviting s9(2)(a) to a future meeting to discuss the vaccine roll out in the context of equity.	DPMC Secretariat	On hold until it aligns with the Group's work programme
4	15 June 2021	Write up the scope of the proposed NSW conversation and share with the Group	DPMC Secretariat	On hold while NSW are dealing with the current outbreak.
11	10 August 2021	Revert to the Group on the updated vaccination strategy	DPMC Secretariat	Continuing to monitor

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	Date of meeting	Action	Responsible owner	Comments
12	10 August 2021	Assess agendas of CICRIAG and Community Panel for synergies, and revert to Group	DPMC Secretariat	Ongoing
13	10 August 2021	Summarise inputs from Delta scenario planning and share with Group	DPMC Secretariat	0
15	24 August	Summarise discussion into continuous improvement note	DPMC Secretariat	Draft note in progress