

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT 2005 (WA)

Section 71

CLOSURE OF GUN SHOPS (No 2)

The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic on 11 March 2020.

On 15 March 2020, the Minister for Emergency Services declared a state of emergency with effect from 12 a.m. on 16 March 2020 in respect of the pandemic caused by COVID-19 pursuant to section 56 of the *Emergency Management Act 2005 (WA)* (**Act**). The state of emergency applies to the State of Western Australia.

On 27 March 2020, I, Christopher John Dawson, Commissioner of Police and State Emergency Coordinator, made the Closure of Gun Shops Directions pursuant to my powers under section 71 of the Act for the purpose of ensuring public safety during the state of emergency.

I now revoke those directions and give the following directions, pursuant to my powers as a police officer under section 71 of the Act.

DIRECTIONS

Preamble

1. The purpose of these directions is to limit the spread of COVID-19.

Citation

2. These directions may be referred to as the **Closure of Gun Shops Directions**.

Directions

3. Every owner, occupier or person apparently in charge of a **Gun Shop** must close that place to the public.
4. Despite paragraph 3 of these directions, a Gun Shop may open by appointment to the following people:
 - (a) a primary producer;
 - (b) a vermin eradication professional;
 - (c) an Aboriginal person who is entitled to exercise a native title right to hunt over particular land and waters; or

- (d) any other person the State Emergency Coordinator or a person authorised by the State Emergency Coordinator for the purpose, approves, whether orally or in writing.

Proof by way of a statutory declaration may be required to establish that a person falls within one or more of the above categories.

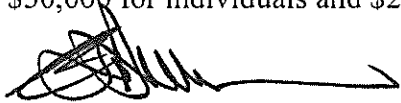
Definitions

5. **Gun Shop** means any part of a place of business that is owned, occupied or otherwise controlled by a 'dealer' or 'repairer' licenced under the *Firearms Act 1973 (WA)* and that is used for the purpose of trading in firearms or ammunition.

The intention of this direction is to only close to the public that part of a place of business that is used for the sale of firearms and ammunition.

PENALTIES

It is an offence to fail to comply with any of these directions, punishable by a fine of up to \$50,000 for individuals and \$250,000 for bodies corporate.



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Christopher John Dawson
State Emergency Coordinator and Commissioner of Police

28 March 2020

1200 hours