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Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Amendment (Real Estate) Order 2020

under the

Public Health Act 2010

I, Brad Hazzard, the Minister for Health and Medical Research, under section 7 of the *Public Health Act 2010*, make the following Order.

Dated 7th May 2020.

BRAD HAZZARD, MP Minister for Health and Medical Research

Explanatory note

The object of this Order is to amend the *Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order 2020*—

- (a) to enable persons to gather at premises that is real property to view or inspect the premises for the purposes of the sale or lease of the premises, and
- (b) to enable persons to gather at display homes or display premises to view or inspect the display homes or display premises for the purposes of the sale or lease of real property, and
- (c) to enable persons to gather at premises for the purposes of conducting an auction of real property, and
- (d) to provide that it is a reasonable excuse for a person to leave the person's place of residence to inspect a potential new place of business, a potential investment property, a display home or other display premises or attend an auction of real property.

These provisions are subject to the general restrictions set out in Part 5 of the *Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order 2020* concerning maximum numbers of persons at premises and social distancing unless it is an essential gathering referred to in Schedule 2.

Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Amendment (Real Estate) Order 2020

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Public Health Act 2010

1 Name of Order

This Order is the *Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Amendment (Real Estate) Order 2020.*

2 Commencement

This order commences at the beginning of 9 May 2020.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order 2020

[1] Clause 6 Direction of Minister concerning gatherings of more than 2 persons

Insert at the end of clause 6(2)—

- (j) a gathering of persons on real property to enable persons to view or inspect the real property for the purposes of the sale or lease of the real property,
- (k) a gathering of persons at a display home or other display premises to enable persons to view or inspect the display home or display premises for the purposes of the sale or lease of real property,
- (l) a gathering of persons at premises for the purposes of conducting an auction of real property.

[2] Clause 7 Directions of Minister concerning closure of certain premises

Omit clause 7(1)(j). Insert instead—

- (j) business premises that are auction houses (except for conducting an auction for food supply, a fibre or crop auction or an auction of real property),
- (ja) business premises that are betting agencies,

[3] Clause 7(3)

Omit the subclause. Insert instead—

(3) The Minister directs that a person must not conduct an auction at which persons attend in person (except for an auction for food supply, a fibre or crop auction or an auction of real property).

Note. An auction for food supply includes livestock for food supply.

[4] Schedule 1 Reasonable excuses

Omit "or inspecting a potential new place of residence" from item 8.

Insert instead—

, inspecting a potential new place of residence or business, inspecting a potential investment property, inspecting a display home or other display premises or attending an auction of real property

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