



31<sup>st</sup> August 2020

## Australia's Deadliest Week

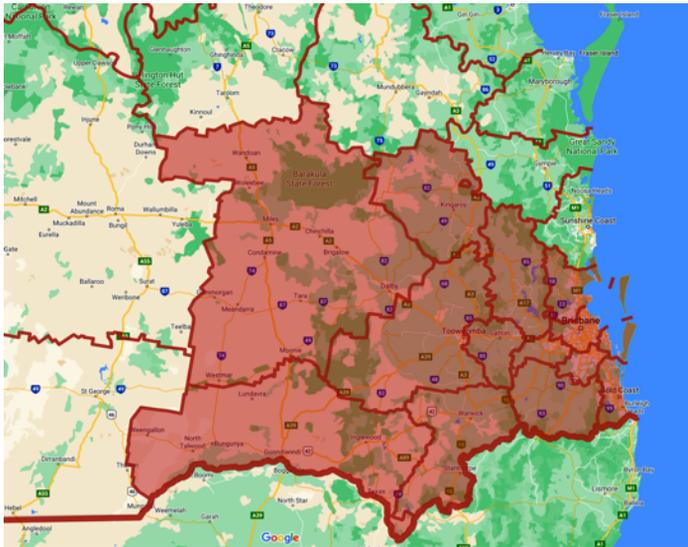
Australia recorded its deadliest week in the 7 days to August 31 with 150 deaths. 135 of these deaths were in Victoria, with 41 added to the tally this morning alone (Note: this includes 22 from aged care facilities whose cause of death prior to August 27 was previously not credited to COVID).

## QLD Clusters Continue

With 16 new cases reported over the past week, focus remains high on the already identified clusters in Logan and the Brisbane Correctional centre. Health officials see this as a positive, as it appears there are no new clusters appearing.

## No budge on border barriers as restrictions widen across southern QLD

Premier Palaszczuk this morning indicated no change to QLD's border restrictions. These will remain strictly policed as additional restrictions affecting gatherings – limiting them to 10 people – extend to: the Cities of Brisbane, Ipswich, Gold Coast, Logan, and Redland; the Regions of Moreton Bay, Lockyer Valley, Scenic Rim, Somerset, Toowoomba, Goondiwindi, Southern Downs, Western Downs, and South Burnett; and the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire.



## COVID-19 Case Updates

(For the week to 31 Aug 2020, 11.30am)

### QUEENSLAND 16 new cases

1,105 confirmed  
6 deaths

DAYS WITH  
NO NEW CASES  
**0**

1,084 cases recovered  
**96.7%**

### AUSTRALIA 858 new cases

25,670 confirmed  
652 deaths

DEATHS IN LAST  
7 DAYS  
**150**

21,111 cases recovered  
**82.2%**

### GLOBAL 1.9M new cases

25.1M confirmed  
844,283 deaths

DEATHS IN LAST  
7 DAYS  
**38K**

16.5M cases recovered  
**65.8%**

## NZ takes a half-step down

New Zealand has reduced restrictions from Level 3 to "2.5". Happy with just 55 cases in the past week – with most of them associated with known clusters in Auckland – PM Ardern announced a cautious easing of some restrictions. This brings Auckland out of lockdown but also mandates face masks on all public transport.



## Chinese Communist Party Time? Barley.

Vision emerged from China last week of thousands of bare-faced and scantily-clad revelers raving at a massive pool party at ground zero, Wuhan. Meanwhile, this weekend, footage from Qing Dao's famous Beer festival showed similar scenes of maskless revelry. Has China finally beaten the bug? Or are we seeing large scale hubris in action?

The irony here is that festival goers may be enjoying their last taste of Australian barley for a long time, as massive import tariffs have literally turned off the tap. Punitive tariffs on Australian beef and wine exports were also brought into effect by the PRC last week.