

Australian Capital Territory

Public Health (Emergency) Declaration 2020 (No 1)

Notifiable instrument NI 2020 – 153

made under the

Public Health Act 1997, s 119 (Emergency declarations)

1. Name of Instrument

This instrument is the *Public Health (Emergency) Declaration 2020 (No 1)*.

2. Commencement

This instrument commences immediately following the making of this instrument.

3. Nature of the emergency – Act subsection 119(2)(a)

The public health risk to the ACT community posed by coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), caused by the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2.

4. Area of the emergency – Act subsection 119(2)(b)

The area of the public health emergency is for the whole of the Australian Capital Territory.

5. Period of the emergency – Act subsection 119(2)(c)

For a period of five days beginning from the day and time this instrument is made.

6. Declaration

Pursuant to s 119 of the *Public Health Act 1997* being satisfied that it is justified in the circumstances I **DECLARE** that a public health emergency exists.

Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA
Minister for Health

Date: 16 March 2020

Time: 13:11