

Wednesday, 8 September 2021

Dr Jeannette Young
Chief Health Officer
Qld Department of Health

Via email: CHO_CHO@health.qld.gov.au

Dear Dr Young

Our union writes in relation to the matter of New South Wales border zone residents and the current essential work restrictions that apply to such residents seeking to enter Queensland.

The IEU-QNT has a number of members who reside in New South Wales and are employed in Queensland non-government schools.

The determination as of 14 August 2021 to exclude teachers and other education workers from the approved list of essential workers who can enter Queensland continues to pose significant difficulties for our affected members, their students and school communities.

While education employees are regarded as essential workers for the purposes of locally prescribed health directives and lockdown arrangements within Queensland, an inconsistent set of arrangements now apply to our members seeking to undertake essential work that requires border zone travel.

While our affected members and their schools are meeting the challenges of the current restrictions with extraordinary professionalism and patience, we hold obvious concerns regarding the job security and well-being of our members should they continue to be denied the ability to attend their Queensland workplace for an extended and unspecified period of time.

We seek your urgent reconsideration of the requirements for border residents to enter Queensland to undertake essential work and confirmation that teachers and other education employees are once again included as essential workers for such an approved purpose.

Yours sincerely



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