## Diamantina Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) Statement No. 2

Yesterday, 30 March 2020, the Diamantina Shire Local Disaster Management Group Meeting held its second meeting since the COVID-19 pandemic commenced.

The LDMG comprises representatives from Diamantina Shire Council, Qld Health, Qld Police Service, Qld Fire and Emergency Services, State Emergency Services, Qld Ambulance Service and Qld Rural Fire Service.

The LDMG's focus is ensuring the health and safety of the shire residents.

At present, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the North West, Central West or South West Health Districts. It is the desire of the LDMG to keep out Shire COVID-19 free.

Queensland's Chief Health Officer issued the Home Confinement Direction effective from 11:59pm on 29 March 2020 requiring Queenslanders not to leave their residence except for permitted purposes. This <u>Directive</u> is legally enforceable and failure to comply may result in a fine.

The Chairman urges all residents to reconsider any travel outside the shire. If you must travel for a permitted purpose, please ensure you strictly adhere to social distancing rules, regularly wash your hands and use good hygiene, not only when you are away but when you return. Be mindful of your health and if you have any concerns or questions contact your local health clinic for advice.

The LDMG will continue to monitor the advices from the Australian and Queensland government and consider their application and impacts to the Diamantina Shire.

Things are changing frequently and the LDMG will meet again next Monday.

Cr Geoff Morton

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Chair Local Disaster Management Group

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