## Shire of Exmouth PUBLIC NOTICE

03 February 2020

## ASSISTANCE OF EVACUATION TO CHRISTMAS ISLAND AT RAAF BASE LEARMONTH

The Shire of Exmouth provides this formal statement relating to the transfer of Australian Citizens & Permanent Residents out of the Chinese city of Wuhan.

The Shire is sympathetic to the situation and happy to support the operation in any way that does not pose a risk to Shire employees or the community of Exmouth. We have been advised that the passengers who decided to participate in the evacuation will not come into contact with the domestic side of the Airport operations.

Passengers will disembark and be processed via the RAAF facilities, defence side of the passenger terminal and transfer to smaller charter flight bound for Christmas Island.

The Shire has been made aware (this afternoon 1.30 pm) that some of the flight crew from the Wuhan flight will overnight in an Exmouth accommodation venue and will leave on the morning commercial flight out of Learmonth tomorrow.

The Shire has been assured by Qantas and federal public health officials that the Qantas staff have not been in contact with the repatriated Australians from Wuhan during the repatriation exercise.

For general information, WA Health set up the Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080. For the latest updates, visit the <u>Department of Health</u> website and the <u>Chief</u> Health Officer statement.

Cameron Woods, Chief Executive Officer



