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COVID-19 SELF ISOLATION ACCOMMODATION FOR WALGETT

The Western NSW Local Health District is overseeing the delivery of 10 fully fitted-out campervans to Walgett to provide temporary accommodation for people with COVID-19 and close contacts, who are unable to self-isolate in their usual home.

Chief Executive of the WNSWLHD, Scott McLachlan, said that Walgett had so far had 22 people identified with COVID-19, the most recent case notified on Wednesday 15 September.

“We know that the Delta strain of COVID-19 is very easy to transmit to other people, so when we identify a person with it, it’s important that they can stay somewhere which is safe, comfortable, secure.

“Where needed, providing temporary accommodation can help stop COVID-19 spreading to other people,” said Mr McLachlan.

Supported by Health Infrastructure, the campervans will be located at the Number 1 Oval in Fox Street, near the Walgett Multipurpose Service. The vans are fully self-contained with air conditioning, shower and toilet facilities, cooking and eating facilities, radio and tv.

A small outdoor area will be available for each campervan and a linen and waste service will be provided. Food services will be provided with support from the Multi-Purpose Service.

Mr McLachlan said that a team, including public health and Aboriginal Liaison support would review each case to make sure the temporary accommodation was the best option for them at the time.

“The maximum amount of time people are likely to spend in the self-isolation accommodation will be two weeks. After that time, or on an agreed date, people will leave and the campervans will be professionally cleaned before the next person comes in.

“During their stay, people will be monitored to make sure they continue to be healthy, and to make sure they have access to any health or social services they need”.

The campervans are moving to Walgett this weekend and will be available for use early next week.