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## **Wellington region returns to Alert level 1, some quarantine-free travel is unpaused**

Cabinet has agreed to move the Wellington region, including Wairarapa and the Kāpiti Coast to north of Ōtaki, back to Alert Level 1, effective from 11:59 on 29 June 2021. Alongside this decision has been a review of the areas included in the Quarantine-free travel bubble with Australia and the pause will lift for South Australia, ACT, Tasmania and Victoria at the same time.

As no community cases of COVID-19 have been discovered in New Zealand during the 48-hour extension and almost 2,500 negative tests have been returned from contacts of the case, the decision to drop the alert levels was made.

COVID-19 Response Minister Chris Hipkins insists that the community must stay vigilant, even with the Alert Level move and testing centres will remain open for anyone who is feeling unwell or was at a [location of interest](#).

A pause of all Quarantine Free Travel with Australia has been reviewed and some regions have been unpaused as there is evidence of robust surveillance, testing and contact tracing in place. The areas that have been unpaused are South Australia, ACT, Tasmania and Victoria, but Western Australia, Northern Territory, New South Wales and Queensland will remain paused with a review of this decision due on Tuesday 6 July.

The Chief Justice has also released an update on the [operation of courts](#) based in Wellington, available here: <https://www.courtsofnz.govt.nz/assets/media-releases/2021/20210629-Covid-19-Chief-Justice-statement.pdf>

### **Resources:**

Wellington to return to Level 1; QFT pause with Australia to lift for some states and ACT from Sunday <<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/wellington-return-level-1-qft-pause-australia-lift-some-states-and-act-sunday>> 29 June 2021

Chief Justice of New Zealand – Media Statement <<https://www.courtsofnz.govt.nz/assets/media-releases/2021/20210629-Covid-19-Chief-Justice-statement.pdf>> 29 June 2021

Courts of New Zealand: Protocols

<<https://www.courtsofnz.govt.nz/publications/announcements/covid-19/court-protocols/>> 30 June 2021

Ministry of Health, COVID-19: Contact tracing locations of interest <<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-health-advice-public/contact-tracing-covid-19/covid-19-contact-tracing-locations-interest>>