



## **National Emergency Order No.20**

### **Burial of Deceased Persons**

I, Commissioner David Manning, Emergency Controller, by virtue of the *Emergency (General Provisions) (COVID 19) Act 2020 (Act)* and other Emergency Laws, hereby issue the following emergency orders for immediate implementation:

1. The Controller, may upon request of Port Moresby General Hospital or a Provincial Health Authority, direct a mass grave to be dug for the internment of deceased persons and designate the location of this mass grave.
2. The Controller, may upon request of Port Moresby General Hospital or a Provincial Health Authority, direct deceased persons to be buried in a designated mass grave.
3. Bodies buried according to paragraph 2 of this order will be buried at the Government's expense.
4. Port Moresby General Hospital or the relevant Provincial Health Authority shall keep a record of the persons interned in a designated grave, taken from a morgue they are responsible for.
5. Upon request of Port Moresby General Hospital and Provincial Health Authority the Controller may requisition refrigerated shipping containers for the purpose of temporary internment of deceased persons.
6. Upon request of Port Moresby General Hospital and Provincial Health Authority the Controller may direct deceased persons to be interned temporarily in refrigerated shipping containers until such time as they are interned in a grave.



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7. Port Moresby General Hospital or the relevant Provincial Health Authority shall keep a record of the persons interned in a designated refrigerated shipping container taken from a morgue they are responsible for.
8. Bodies interned temporarily according to paragraph 6 of this order will be interned at the Government's expense.
9. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Emergency Controller pursuant to the Regulation, shall carry out and enforce the Emergency Orders accordingly.
10. This Emergency Order comes into effect on 21 April 2020 and shall apply for the duration of the National Emergency.

  
David Manning MBE, DPS, QPM  
Emergency Controller



DATED 18/4/20