



‘We expect the Civil Defence Emergency Management powers to be used when necessary and to slow the spread of COVID-19, reduce its impact, and manage the consequences.’

— Director of Civil Defence Emergency Management Sarah Stuart Black, 2020

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Image: The five members of ‘the Quin’ (from left) are All-of-Government (AoG) Controller John Ombler (Chair), Director of Civil Defence Emergency Management Sarah Stuart-Black, Strategic Operations Command Lead Mike Bush and Director-General of Health Dr Ashley Bloomfield. The fifth person in the Quin was AoG Strategy and Policy Lead Dr Peter Crabtree. Together the five were the Quin which was an operation between 12 Mar 2020–30 Jun 2020 managed the All-of-Government COVID-19 national response  
— Stuff, 2020

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Quotation: Director of Civil Defence Emergency Management Sarah Stuart Black, responding to a question from the press after the declaration of the State of Emergency on 25 March 2020 (Newshub, 2020)