

TO: Local media

DATE: Monday, 6 April 2020

SUBJECT: Ruby Princess – Port Kembla

Please attribute to an Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District spokesperson:

The Ruby Princess docked at Port Kembla this morning for refuelling and restocking provisions, as required for her journey home.

The Commonwealth Government has arranged for a medical team to board the ship to provide the medical support required.

The vessel may remain in place for up to 10 days, but the crew will not disembark unless an emergency hospitalisation is required. These decisions are made by NSW Health retrieval experts and NSW Police.

Should anyone on board require hospitalisation, they will be allocated to a hospital primarily in the Sydney metropolitan area to minimise the impact on any one facility. There are currently no patients from the Ruby Princess within the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District hospital facilities.

The berthing will be conducted under strict health and biosecurity guidelines and will not pose a risk to employees at the port or the broader community.