



GENERAL MESSAGE

24 March 2020

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Dear Feedlot Members and Stakeholders,

Further to our earlier message regarding COVID-19. Please see below message **from the NSW Minister for Agriculture** distributed late yesterday regarding new restrictions on non-critical activities, as a response to COVID-19.

Regards

ALFA Secretariat.



Good afternoon

As you would no doubt be aware the NSW Government, along with every other state and territory, has today introduced new restrictions on non-critical activities, as a response to COVID-19.

I have taken many phone calls in the last 24 hours and understand there is considerable interest and worry about what this means for our primary industries sector.

I want to personally assure you that primary industry production and related businesses and the entire food supply chain are NOT impacted by these new restrictions. These businesses can continue to operate on a 'business as usual' basis, though should attempt to practice appropriate social distancing measures.

Primary Industries are critical to our State and Australia and the effort of every government to grapple with the developing coronavirus pandemic. Just as important is the freight industry which delivers our primary produce from the paddock or ocean to consumers' plates.

The new restrictions will ONLY impact the following entities:

- Pubs, registered clubs
- Gyms, indoor sporting venues
- Cinemas, entertainment venues, casinos, and night clubs
- Restaurants and cafes will be restricted to takeaway and/or home delivery
- Religious gatherings, places of worship (excluding small weddings and funerals that comply with the 4m2 rule, which can proceed).

To assist industry with a clear flow of information and provide support where required, I have requested the the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) to establish a concierge service for issues related to COVID-19. This will be up and operational at noon tomorrow via www.dpi.nsw.gov.au. You can get in touch with the concierge service by email: covidinfo@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Should I or my office be able to assist you in any regard, please do not hesitate to get in touch. It is import we all work together through these difficult times.

In the meantime, keep on keeping on, take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Adam Marshall