

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
To: [DLO](#)
Cc: [Neil, John](#); s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Event Brief - Vaccine Strategy Announcement [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Tuesday, 18 August 2020 7:53:46 AM
Importance: High

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John, s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Can this be updated with further information based on emails that I sent to John Neil last night/

- Can you attached the details of the AZ deal I sent through last night including the draft letter of intent
 - Please add in details of how the vaccine was tested in Australia (through CSIRO Animal Labs)
- s 47C
- The talking points should be as forward leaning as possible about 4 new projects under advance discussions which are expect to be announced shortly s 47C
 - Below is some further information from CSL that can be included in the TPs.
- Can you attach the vaccine strategy and the list of vaccine candidates that was including in the Cab Seb
 - Can you also include information from the sub on the types of vaccine candidates (e.g. protein, rna)
- Can this be sent through by 3pm?

Cheers

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Development of the UQ vaccine candidate remains CSL's priority," a company spokeswoman said.

"However, we are currently in discussions with AstraZeneca and the Australian Government to assess whether it is possible to provide local manufacturing support for the Oxford University/AstraZeneca vaccine, should it prove successful, while protecting our commitment to the UQ vaccine.

We are assessing the viability of options ranging from the fill and finish of bulk product imported to Australia through to manufacture of the vaccine candidate under licence."

CSL Behring's Broadmeadows plant is currently set up for mammalian cell production or recombinant therapies, meaning there is baseline compatibility between Oxford University/AstraZeneca's candidate and CSL's expertise.

But the CSL spokeswoman said that while developments with Oxford University and AstraZeneca looked positive, success was far from guaranteed.

"There are a number of technical issues to work through and discussions are ongoing."

The Australian understands considerations that would need to be worked through before any agreement is struck include capacity to schedule manufacturing around CSL's existing product commitments as well as regulatory requirements.

CSL says it has capacity to produce 100 million doses of the UQ COVID-19 vaccine by

the end of next year if clinical trials in Australia and in high-infection areas overseas are successful.

It struck a partnership with the Oslo-based and Bill Gates-backed Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) and UQ to accelerate the development and manufacturing of UQ's COVID-19 vaccine candidate.

CSL said last month negotiations with the federal government for a formal national supply agreement were ongoing, but highlighted that the Commonwealth provided a range of free vaccines through the National Immunisation Program, based on expert medical advice for eligible Australians.

The company also committed that its dose allocation would be used "at a minimum" to support its longstanding public health commitment to the Australian community.

"It is early days before we will know whether the UQ vaccine will be successful and clinical trials are not expected to be completed until mid to late 2021. Pricing will be a matter for discussion between CSL and the institutions and governments procuring the vaccine," CSL said.

"Any pricing agreed will be reasonable and reflect the investment required to sustain manufacturing, supply and availability.

"With respect to CEPI's dose allocation, this will be subject to CEPI's equitable access obligations, which require that the doses will be available first to populations at risk when and where they are needed, at prices both affordable to those populations and sustainable to CSL."

<https://www.theaustralian.com.au/business/companies/csl-in-talks-with-astrazeneca-to-produce-covid19-vaccine-in-melbourne/news-story/61d96165c37d53fc3a6294f45b7f8676>

From: DLO

Sent: Monday, 17 August 2020 11:16 PM

To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: DLO

Subject: FW: Event Brief - Vaccine Strategy Announcement [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Evening s 22(1)(a)(ii)

As requested, attached is an event brief and talking points for Wednesday's Vaccine Strategy Announcement.

Please let us know if you need anything else.

Thanks,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Departmental Liaison Officer

Office of the Prime Minister, the Hon Scott Morrison MP

MG 8, Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent: Monday, 17 August 2020 8:58 PM

To: DLO <dlo@pm.gov.au>

Cc: COVID-19 Health Response Section <s 47E(d)>

Neil, John <John.Neil@pmc.gov.au>; Oliver, Tara <Tara.Oliver@pmc.gov.au>; Quilty, Genevieve

<Genevieve.Quilty@pmc.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) Writers
<Writers@pmc.gov.au>

Subject: Event Brief - Vaccine Strategy Announcement [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

As requested, please find attached the event brief for the Vaccine Strategy Announcement.

Please let us know if you need anything further for the event.

Thanks

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Senior Adviser

COVID-19 Health Response | Health Branch

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From: DLO <dlo@pm.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 17 August 2020 10:01 AM

To: DLO <dlo@pm.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) Neil, John

<John.Neil@pmc.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Cc: Oliver, Tara <Tara.Oliver@pmc.gov.au>; Quilty, Genevieve <Genevieve.Quilty@pmc.gov.au>;

Writers <Writers@pmc.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Event Brief - Vaccine Strategy Announcement [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi all,

Just confirming that talking points will be sufficient and that formal remarks will not be required.

Thanks,

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<Genevieve.Quilty@pmc.gov.au>; Writers <Writers@pmc.gov.au>

Subject: Event Brief - Vaccine Strategy Announcement [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi all,

The PM will be participating in a Vaccine Strategy Announcement next Wednesday, 19 August.

The office would like an event brief. In terms of logistics, all we know is it will be in Sydney at 9.30am.

Handling advice from s 22(1)(a)(ii) below –

Structured below with TPs please

1. Vaccine Strategy
2. Expert Committee
3. In principle agreement with Astra Zeneca for supply of COVID vaccines (not locked in)
4. In principle agreement with COVAX (not locked in)

s 47C

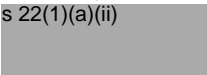
Writers – assuming formal remarks are not required but I've asked the adviser for clarification to

be on the safe side.

Could we please have this up to the office by **COB Monday, 17 August?**

Thanks,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)



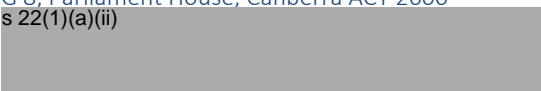
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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Monday, 7 September 2020 11:04 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: DLO; Frame, Alison; s 22(1)(a)(ii); Pullen, Victoria; Quilty, Genevieve; Neil, John; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: PM Event Briefing - AstraZeneca and CSL COVID-19 Vaccine Supply Agreements - Announcement [SEC=PROTECTED, CAVEAT=SH:CABINET]
Attachments: Known COVID-19 vaccine purchase agreements.xlsx

PROTECTED//CABINET

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Health has provided us with the attached table with APAs with other countries we're aware of. Additionally, I note that CEPI has agreed to secure manufacturing capacity with SK bioscience for the COVAX facility for 2 billion doses by the end of 2021 (13 August 2020).

Thanks

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Vaccine manufacturing deals - September 2020

Country	Developers	Doses (Million)	Optional Additional Doses (Million)	Total Doses
Brazil	Oxford / AstraZeneca	100		100
Canada	Pfizer / BioNTech	20		20
Canada	Moderna	56		56
Canada	Novavax	76		76
Canada	Johnson & Johnson	38		38
CEPI	Oxford / AstraZeneca	300		300
China	Oxford / AstraZeneca	100	100	200
European Union	Oxford / AstraZeneca	300		300
European Union	Sanofi / GlaxoSmithKline	300		300
India	Oxford / AstraZeneca	400	600	1000
India	Novavax	1000		1000
Indonesia	SinoVac	50	100	150
Indonesia	SinoPharm	240	50	290
Israel	Arcturus	4		4
Japan	Pfizer / BioNTech	120		120
Japan	Oxford / AstraZeneca	120		120
Japan	Novavax	250		250
Russia*	Oxford / AstraZeneca	50		50
Switzerland	Moderna	5		5
United Kingdom	Pfizer / BioNTech	30		30
United Kingdom	Oxford / AstraZeneca	100		100
United Kingdom	Valneva	60	40	100
United Kingdom	Sanofi / GlaxoSmithKline	60		60

United Kingdom	Johnson & Johnson	30	22	52
United Kingdom	Novavax	60	0	60
United States	Oxford / AstraZeneca	300		300
United States	Novavax	100		100
United States	Pfizer / BioNTech	100	500	600
United States	Sanofi / GlaxoSmithKline	100		100
United States	Johnson & Johnson	200		200
United States	Moderna	100		100
Vietnam	Sputnik	50	0	50

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Subject: Re: PM Event Briefing - AstraZeneca and CSL COVID-19 Vaccine Supply Agreements - Announcement
[SEC=PROTECTED, CAVEAT=SH:CABINET]

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Do you have a list of other countries with APAs in place and the quantity and of doses each country has Acquired.
Keen to get before the PM's presser around 11.45am

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sent from my iPhone

> On 4 Sep 2020, at 7:27 pm, s 22(1)(a)(ii) wrote:

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India	Novavax	1000		1000
Indonesia	SinoVac	50	100	150
Indonesia	SinoPharm	240	50	290
Israel	Arcturus	4		4
Japan	Pfizer / BioNTech	120		120
Japan	Oxford / AstraZeneca	120		120
Japan	Novavax	250		250
Russia*	Oxford / AstraZeneca	50		50
Switzerland	Moderna	5		5
United Kingdom	Pfizer / BioNTech	30		30
United Kingdom	Oxford / AstraZeneca	100		100
United Kingdom	Valneva	60	40	100
United Kingdom	Sanofi / GlaxoSmithKline	60		60
United Kingdom	Johnson & Johnson	30	22	52
United Kingdom	Novavax	60	0	60
United States	Oxford / AstraZeneca	300		300
United States	Novavax	100		100
United States	Pfizer / BioNTech	100	500	600
United States	Sanofi / GlaxoSmithKline	100		100
United States	Johnson & Johnson	200		200
United States	Moderna	100		100
Vietnam	Sputnik	50	0	50

Dedakis, Janelle

From: Daily Media Reports
Sent: Sunday, 27 September 2020 5:31 AM
To: COVID-19 Daily Media Report
Subject: FW: COVID-19 Daily Media Report - Sunday 27 September 2020

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Subject: COVID-19 Daily Media Report - Sunday 27 September 2020

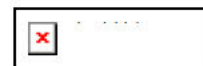
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DAILY COVID-19 BRIEFING

Sunday 27 September 2020



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Good morning - please find the latest COVID-19 related coverage below.

Stay up to date with the national impact and response with the Australian Government's [current status site](#).

Below you will find each state and territory's specific updates and responses to the pandemic: [NSW](#) | [Victoria](#) | [Queensland](#) | [ACT](#) | [South Australia](#) | [Western Australia](#) | [Northern Territory](#) | [Tasmania](#)

COVID-19 Sunday Morning Summary

- Globally there are 317,951 reported new COVID-19 infections with 5,819 further deaths. The global aggregate is currently 32,752,246 reported infections, 24,168,132 recoveries, 992, 979 deaths and 63,773 cases are considered serious or critical.
- Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk announced on social media on Saturday morning that Queensland has recorded three new cases of COVID-19 as restrictions begin to be eased in the south-east of the state. Two of the new cases are crew members from an international liner with the third, an overseas arrival who is now in quarantine. Some restrictions on gatherings were lifted in Queensland on Friday after 14 days of no community transmissions. Up to 30 people can now gather at people's homes and outdoors, in line with the rest of the state. There are 7 active cases of COVID-19 in the state, six people have died and 1,141 patients have recovered.
- In Western Australia, nine crew members from the bulk carrier Patricia Oldendorff, which arrived from Manila early this week, have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Two crew members who previously tested positive to COVID-19 are already in a Port Hedland hotel and are being quarantined in a

secure, separate wing with another ten, staying in a separate part of the hotel, awaiting test results. Health Minister Roger Cook said a decision would be made overnight as to whether the seven new cases should also be placed in hotel quarantine or remain on board the vessel.

- Victoria reported one more COVID-19 death and 12 new cases on Saturday, taking the state toll to 782. NSW reported no new locally acquired cases yesterday but one new case was recorded from a returning overseas traveller who is now in quarantine. NSW recorded no locally acquired cases after a mystery new case on Friday ended its three-day streak of no community transmission. The national COVID-19 death toll is 870.
- The head of the International Olympic Committee, Thomas Bach, says the Tokyo Games could take place next year even without a coronavirus vaccine, pointing to the success of the Tour de France. Mr Bach says sport is coming back slowly with a number of big sport events already successfully organised recently, including matches in different Japanese leagues. Mr Bach adds that complex events like the Tour de France indicated to the world that sporting events can be organised safely, even without a vaccine. The Olympics were postponed earlier this year because of the pandemic and are now set to open on July 23, 2021.

Leading COVID-19 News Stories

Story	Print	Radio	TV	Online	Total
NSW records one new COVID-19 case amid concerns mystery infection could reset QLD 'border clock'	39	439	1227	2165	3870
As it happened: Jenny Mikakos resigns as Victorian health minister, will leave parliament as state records 12 COVID-19 cases; Australian death toll rises to 870	33	843	1668	1216	3760
'This is not ideal': More COVID cases confirmed on vessel in Port Hedland	8	782	407	451	1648
Hundreds of Manchester students locked down after 127 Covid cases	1	2	6	106	115
Tassie wins lion's share of \$50m tourism recovery funding	29	27	24	50	130

Business & Economy 5 items



Parents lose after paying for children to 'play for Australia'

The Sun-Herald

Sunday 27 September 2020, 12:00am - Pages 18 and 19

They thought their child had been selected to represent their country but paid for a holiday that never happened, writes Vince Rugari. 'Congratulations on your performance at the 2019 National School Futsal ' Championship,' reads the selection letter. "During the...

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Festive meat fears

Sunday Herald Sun by Tamsin Rose

Sunday 27 September 2020, 12:00am - Page 11

CHRISTMAS could taste very different this year, with meat producers warning coronavirus restrictions will cause a shortage of festive favourites. The national body representing butchers and producers said some Victorians would not be able to find hams, roasts and sausages...

[VIEW PDF](#) [VIEW TEXT](#)**Healthy signs ahead****Sunday Herald Sun** by Sarah Marinos

Sunday 27 September 2020, 12:00am - Page 64

IT might be rejuvenating in ancient geothermal springs on the coast or pampering at a day spa. It could be taking part in an early morning yoga session on the beach or doing pilates in a city park. For many,...

[VIEW PDF](#) [VIEW TEXT](#)**Give us a break to help fellow Aussies****Sunday Mail** by Anthony Keane

Sunday 27 September 2020, 12:00am - Pages 16 and 17

AUSTRALIANS are desperate for a break after a dud year - and they are aiming for new, different experiences at home. With confidence and interest in domestic travel rapidly rising as summer approaches, taking some form of holiday will not...

[VIEW PDF](#) [VIEW TEXT](#)**Surge in new businesses opening in Tasmania despite coronavirus pandemic****The Daily Telegraph** by Sally Glaetzer

Saturday 26 September 2020, 9:30pm

SIGNS of confidence are returning to Tasmania's small business community, but concerns remain over how the sector will fare once the "stimulus bubble" bursts.

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[Adelaide Now](#), [Cairns Post](#), [Geelong Advertiser](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin](#), [Herald Sun](#), [NT News](#), [The Daily Telegraph](#), [The Mercury](#)

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Sunday 27 September 2020, 12:00am - Page 20

Tourism operators have called on the state government to fund vouchers for tourist attractions and accommodation to entice visitors back into Sydney's CBD. David Hammon, director of Hammons Holdings, which operates BridgeClimb and Scenic World, said he would "love to..."

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Clinical trial boom for Victoria biotech firms

Sunday Herald Sun by John Masanauskas

Sunday 27 September 2020, 12:00am - Page 4

VICTORIA'S biotech industry has been flooded with work from overseas firms seeking clinical trials. Foreign players are attracted to the low coronavirus infection numbers here, despite Melbourne's recent spike. Angela Luttick, executive vice-president at laboratory business 360 biolabs, said it...

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Victoria's tourism sector losing billions of dollars in lockdown

Sunday Herald Sun by Mandy Squires

Sunday 27 September 2020, 12:00am - Page 5

VICTORIA is losing a staggering \$1.44bn a month from domestic tourism because of COVID restrictions preventing Melburnians travelling. Another \$984m a month in international tourism expenditure is being lost because of border closures, new data from one of Australia's peak...

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Our tourism needs a break, too

Sunday Herald Sun by Anthony Keane

Sunday 27 September 2020, 12:00am - Pages 32 and 33

Forget overseas trips: spend here and help struggling businesses VICTORIANS are desperate for a break after a dud year - and they are aiming for new, different experiences in Australia. With confidence and interest in domestic travel rapidly rising as...

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Tourism lobby group urges extension of JobKeeper

The Sunday Mail

Sunday 27 September 2020, 12:00am - Page 3

THE country's peak tourism lobby group has called for the JobKeeper program to be extended for another full year and for borders to reopen in time for Christmas. The Tourism and Transport Forum has made a submission to the federal...

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THE LOCAL CHOICE

Sunday Mail by Robyn Willis

Sunday 27 September 2020, 12:00am - Page 8

We all love an Australian made product but interest in local manufacturing has soared in recent months thanks to the pandemic. With people struggling to import everything from masks to microwaves as supply chains slow down, many Australian manufacturers are...

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BOB GOES BANANAS OVER FRUIT PICKERS

The Sunday Mail by Michael Madigan

Sunday 27 September 2020, 12:00am - Page 9

BOB Katter has officially gone bananas in what might have been an inevitable outcome for the federal MP who for decades has puzzled, outraged and occasionally charmed Australia with his carefully crafted, bumpkin persona. The labor shortage on Australian farms...

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Are festivals finished?

Sunday Mail by Nathan Davies

Sunday 27 September 2020, 12:00am - Page 31

THE road out of the music festival wilderness is going to be a long and winding one, according to some of the industry's most experienced voices. Excessive overheads and reduced revenue will make staging big outdoor events - an already...

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Melbourne First: new procurement policy could return millions to locals

The Sydney Morning Herald (SMH) by Bianca Hall

Saturday 26 September 2020, 11:30pm

Melbourne businesses vying for City of Melbourne contracts would have their bids boosted against interstate competitor under the latest election policy unveiled by lord mayor Sally Capp.

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[Brisbane Times](#), [The Age](#), [The Sydney Morning Herald \(SMH\)](#), [WA Today](#)



Environmental groups excluded from Australian budget lockup

The Guardian by Paul Karp

Saturday 26 September 2020, 6:00am

Greenpeace says the government is 'letting their mates in the room' and keeping others out amid a planned gas expansion

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ABC Radio National Australia

Weekend Conversations Once a week, 4:00pm to 5:00pm

26 September 2020, 4:03pm

Ron DeSantis has lifted all Coronavirus restrictions on businesses, including restaurants and bars, The Audi takes effect immediately and

allows businesses to operate almost normally with limited social distancing Florida has been one of the most affected states,

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ABC Radio National Australia

The Drawing Room Once a week, 1:00pm to 1:30pm

26 September 2020, 1:02pm

The fact is we are still in the middle of a pandemic and we really need to make sure that we don't go through third and fourth waves Prime Minister Scott Morrison has

foreshadowed this year's budget will focus on giving a leg up to businesses affected by the pandemic, The 2020-21 budget is set to be released in just over a week's time with

tax cuts and infrastructure spending likely to feature speaking at the SA Liberal Party AGM this morning, Mr Morrison said he wants to see businesses, get the help, They need that road back,

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3AW Melbourne

Weekend Break with Grubby and Dee Dee Twice a week, 12:00pm to 6:00pm
26 September 2020, 2:07pm

Gaws on Melbourne's own three AW, The Australian Government is extending job keeper and the temporary Coronavirus supplement for those on income support from September, Financial support will be targeted for those who need it most

with some changes to payment amounts and eligibility job, Keeper continues until 28 March next year, And the Coronavirus supplement until 31 December 2020 because keeping businesses in business and Australians in jobs helps our economy,

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6PR Perth

SportsWorld Once a week, 10:00am to 12:00pm
26 September 2020, 10:18am

that the economy is taking a bit of a hit from the Coronavirus no sector hit harder than our local small businesses we've

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Community Impact 5 items



Libraries languishing in lockdown

The Sun-Herald by Caitlin Fitzsimmons

Sunday 27 September 2020, 12:00am - Page 15

Sophie Buchanan is missing her public library, which is yet to reopen months after the lifting of the NSW lockdown restrictions that forced its closure. "I really love books and libraries have the most books," Sophie, 7, said. "At my..."

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Raising an old debate

The Sunday Age by Lance Sterling

Sunday 27 September 2020, 12:00am - Page 22

When University of Melbourne vicechancellor Duncan Maskell says Victoria must address the question "What is our tolerance for death in this global pandemic" ("State faces life-and-death issue", The Sunday Age, 20/9), he raises a debate that goes back to Aristotle...

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Has lockdown saved lives or stifled them?

The Sunday Age by John Carroll

Sunday 27 September 2020, 12:00am - Page 23

Protecting both lives and livelihoods is a challenging task, writes John Carroll. No consensus exists on how governments should respond to rampant infection despite nine months of obsessively charted, comparative evidence on different strategies from scores of countries. European nations...

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We desire two days work at home

The Sunday Telegraph by Miranda Wood

Sunday 27 September 2020, 12:00am - Page 13

AUSSIERS want to work from home two days each week when the coronavirus pandemic ends, a new university survey has found. Three in four workers also believe that post-COVID-19, their employers will be inclined to support working from home arrangements....

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Politicians must wear some blame for looming mental crisis

The Sunday Mail by Peter Gleeson

Sunday 27 September 2020, 12:00am - Page 44

IMAGINE this. You're 35, have two kids and a lovely wife and life was good as you busily and productively built a small cafe in a regional town into a thriving business. Last year, the business had turned the corner...

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'Titanic' budget set to treat virus woes: PM

Sunday Canberra Times by Paul Osborne

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THE federal budget will be a "titanic effort" to pull Australia out of its COVID-19 economic crisis, Prime Minister Scott Morrison says, as his government was accused of stripping millions from the economy through cuts to unemployment payments. The 2020-21...

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Please like me: MPs pay Facebook

The Sun-Herald by Exclusive Nigel Gladstone

Sunday 27 September 2020, 12:00am - Pages 1, 8, and 9

Individual politicians are spending thousands of dollars a week of taxpayers' money to boost their "likes" and push political messages on social media, with data made public for the first time by Facebook's Ad Library revealing how much MPs of...

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\$100m lure to get us moving

The Sunday Telegraph by Annika Smethurst National Political Editor

Sunday 27 September 2020, 12:00am - Page 11

TOURIST hot spots in regional Australia hit hard by the coronavirus will receive a multimillion-dollar boost as part of a federal government plan to entice Aussies to holiday at home. As state borders begin to reopen, The Sunday Telegraph can...

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The Sunday Mail



PM backs Aust strategy on COVID-19

Canberra Times by Tim Dornin

Saturday 26 September 2020, 11:08am

Success over the coronavirus is a combination overcoming both the health and economic challenges, saving lives and saving jobs, Prime Minister Scott Morrison...

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Australian Community Media [122 Syndications]



Morrison takes aim at maritime union over Sydney port dispute

The Sydney Morning Herald (SMH) by Rob Harris

Saturday 26 September 2020, 7:30pm

The Prime Minister accused the militant union at the heart of Sydney's waterfront dispute of "holding the country to ransom".

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[Brisbane Times](#), [The Age](#), [The Sydney Morning Herald \(SMH\)](#), [WA Today](#)



Prime Minister Scott Morrison 'proud' of Australians and its COVID-19 response

The Daily Telegraph by Emily Cosenza

Saturday 26 September 2020, 2:41pm

Prime Minister Scott Morrison has flagged infrastructure and manufacturing as the industries that will help Australia continue to rebuild from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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[Adelaide Now](#), [Cairns Post](#), [Geelong Advertiser](#), [Gold Coast Bulletin](#), [Herald Sun](#), [NT News](#), [News.com.au](#), [The Australian](#), [The Courier Mail](#), [The Daily Telegraph](#), [The Mercury](#), [Townsville Bulletin](#), [Weekly Times Now](#)



No new locally acquired COVID cases recorded in NSW

Sunday Canberra Times by Dominica Sanda

Sunday 27 September 2020, 12:00am - Page 9

NSW has recorded no locally acquired cases of COVID-19 after a mystery new case on Friday ended the state's three-day streak of no community transmission. The state recorded just one new case in the latest reporting period - a returned...

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Outback highway wins seal of approval

The Sun-Herald by Anthony Dennis Traveller Editor

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Never believe what you read on a road sign, at least not the one you'll spot as you enter Tibooburra. It states that the population of the far-flung Corner Country town, 1182 kilometres northwest of Sydney, is 150. These days...

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Travel bubble with NZ on way

The Sunday Telegraph by Miranda Wood

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FLIGHTS between NSW and New Zealand could begin within weeks to kickstart a trans-Tasman travel bubble and boost the ailing tourism industry. The Sunday Telegraph understands the federal government will initially only permit NZ residents to fly into the state....

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NSW tourism vendors tighten COVID-19 safety plans as tourists travel to South Coast for school holidays

ABC News by Adriane Reardon

Saturday 26 September 2020, 7:00am

After a "tumultuous" year, businesses and health authorities on the NSW South Coast are preparing to welcome an influx of tourists ahead of the school holidays, but are nervous about the potential health risks travellers may bring.

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Sculpture by the Sea 'ruled out' for October due to COVID-19 restrictions

The Sydney Morning Herald (SMH) by Andrew Taylor

Sunday 27 September 2020, 2:56am

The popular art exhibition on the Bondi to Bronte coastal walk may only be delayed a few weeks if an exemption is granted by the NSW government.

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Minister quits cabinet over hotel debacle

The Sun-Herald by Paul Sakkal

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Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews says it was appropriate for his former health minister Jenny Mikakos to resign yesterday amid the fallout from the state's botched hotel quarantine program, but has refused to say what she did wrong. Ms Mikakos quit...

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Andrews stares down critics as Mikakos quits

The Sun-Herald by Henrietta Cook

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Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews has declared he does not "run from problems" and stared down calls for his resignation following the dramatic departure of his state's health minister Jenny Mikakos in the middle of the coronavirus pandemic. Ms Mikakos yesterday...

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Andrews to reveal rules for road map

The Sunday Age by Paul Sakkal

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Victoria's new coronavirus cases are falling "a little faster" than expected, Premier Daniel Andrews has said, adding that he would be working "into the evening" to determine what steps out of lockdown will be taken today. More restrictions will be...

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OFF & RUNNING

The Sunday Age by Bianca Hall

Sunday 27 September 2020, 12:00am - Pages 17, 20, and 21

Sally Capp became lord mayor amid scandal and controversy. Can she win re-election? Bianca Hall reports. On Tuesday, the City of Melbourne's councillors settled in front of their computers for yet another Zoom meeting. They've been a weekly occurrence since...

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Victoria pandemic inquiry guaranteed to fail under 'collective responsibility' cloak

The Sunday Telegraph by Piers Akerman

Sunday 27 September 2020, 12:00am - Pages 88 and 89

The evidence is in. The Victorian government is the most incompetent state administration in the nation's history. Premier Daniel Andrews, Health Minister Jenny Mikakos, Jobs Minister Martin Pakula and Police Minister Lisa Neville, are unfit to hold any public office....

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Geelong's Victorian budget priorities revealed

Herald Sun by Chad Van Estrop

Sunday 27 September 2020, 12:01am

A COALITION of Geelong advocacy groups have revealed their priorities for the Victoria budget.

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Adelaide Now, Cairns Post, Geelong Advertiser, Gold Coast Bulletin, Herald Sun, NT News, The Daily Telegraph, The Mercury



Victoria records one death and 12 new cases as Covid-19 numbers continue to drop

The Guardian by Australian Associated Press

Saturday 26 September 2020, 1:32pm

Melbourne's 14-day average fell again to 23.6, NSW had no locally acquired cases and Queensland confirmed three new cases

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ACT 2 items



Slow growth challenges Libs' promises

Sunday Canberra Times by Jasper Lindell

Sunday 27 September 2020, 12:00am - Page 3

THE population of the ACT grew slower than the national average in the year to March, putting further pressure on the Canberra Liberals who claim their election promises will be funded by an increase in the number of people living...

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Re-elected Labor to spend \$17m on local shops upgrades

Sunday Canberra Times by Dan Jervis Bardy

Sunday 27 September 2020, 12:00am - Page 5

A RE-ELECTED Labor government would spend more than \$17 million to upgrade local shopping precincts across Canberra, Chief Minister Andrew Barr will announce on Sunday. On the eve of the start of the early voting period in the ACT election,...

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THE MASTER OF SPIN

Sunday Herald Sun by Peta Credlin

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Watching the conga line of ministers and departmental chiefs front the inquiry into the hotel quarantine debacle must have been heartbreaking for the families of the over 700 Victorians who have lost their lives to the second wave of this...

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Three new virus cases confirmed

The Sunday Mail

Sunday 27 September 2020, 12:00am - Page 16

THREE new cases of coronavirus were confirmed in Queensland on Saturday, taking the total number of known infections in the state to 1156 since the pandemic began. Two of the new cases, a man in his 40s and a man...

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QH late pay is bad for business

The Sunday Mail by Jessica Marszalek

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QUEENSLAND Health has admitted it has had to improve its payment processes after paying up to half of its suppliers late this year as businesses struggled to stay afloat. Fifty per cent of payments were made late in the March...

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Queensland wastewater provides an early-warning system for COVID-19

The Sydney Morning Herald (SMH) by Stuart Layt

Saturday 26 September 2020, 11:27pm

Sewage testing has been rolled out in 13 communities across the state to detect traces of coronavirus – and it's already raised the alarm twice.

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Queenslands 'forgotten' wedding industry losing \$52 million every month

The Daily Telegraph by Emily Halloran

Saturday 26 September 2020, 11:30am

LOVED up couples are facing a wedding dilemma: Spend \$30,000 on a "sit down dinner" with limited guests and no dancing, or wait years to secure a popular venue as thousands of wannabe brides play Russian roulette with the worst...

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SA 4 items

**Virtuous circle of a holiday in SA****Sunday Mail**

Sunday 27 September 2020, 12:00am - Page 73

AYEAR ago, South Australians were starting September school holidays. Many travelled within the state, around the country and overseas. Six months later, in March, Australia's borders were closed during a major national shutdown designed to suppress the coronavirus pandemic. Ahead...

[VIEW PDF](#) [VIEW TEXT](#)**It's time to kickstart our heart with city love****Sunday Mail**

Sunday 27 September 2020, 12:00am - Page 73

ACROSS the world, major city centres have been hard hit economically by the workfrom-home revolution triggered by the pandemic shutdown. Adelaide likely has among the highest proportion worldwide of workers back in the CBD. A Property Council of Australia survey...

[VIEW PDF](#) [VIEW TEXT](#)**Morrison backs states to make COVID calls****Canberra Times** by Tim Dornin

Saturday 26 September 2020, 3:09pm

Prime Minister Scott Morrison says he couldn't wait to get back to Adelaide after this week's decision to lift South Australia's border restrictions with NSW.

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**Coronavirus: SA Health now South Australia's biggest hotel customer as more stranded expatriates due to arrive in Adelaide****The Daily Telegraph** by Andrew Hough

Saturday 26 September 2020, 11:44pm

SA Health is the state's biggest hotel customer during the coronavirus pandemic, new figures show, as dozens more expatriates prepare to fly home under an expanded quarantine program.

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NT 2 items

**Cash lure for local holidays****Sunday Territorian** by Annika Smethurst

Sunday 27 September 2020, 12:00am - Page 7

TOURIST hot spots in regional Australia hard hit by coronavirus will receive a multi-million-dollar boost as part of a federal government plan to entice Aussies to holiday at home. As state borders begin to reopen, the Sunday Territorian can reveal...

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Tourism cash splash vital for NT industry

Sunday Territorian

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THE federal government's budget cash splash on regional tourism could not come at a better time. It will announce a \$250-million package on World Tourism Day. The Territory's tourism industry has been hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic and tourist...

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TAS 3 items



Plan to save pubs and foodie hubs

Sunday Tasmanian

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CAFES, bars and restaurants would return almost to normal practice - including drinkers standing up at the pub - under an action plan to save thousands of jobs and revive the hospitality sector. The 14-point action plan will be handed...

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North and south unite in art for Mona Foma

Sunday Tasmanian by Rachel Riley

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ONE of Tasmania's most popular annual music and arts festivals has announced its 2021 dates will have events in both the north and south of the state over two weekends. Mona Foma - Mona's Festival of Music and Art -...

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Tassie wins lion's share of \$50m tourism recovery funding

The Daily Telegraph by DAVID KILLICK

Sunday 27 September 2020, 12:01am

THE Tasmanian tourism industry will be the major beneficiary from \$150 million in federal government recovery funding, the Sunday Tasmanian can reveal.

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SICK SHIP HAS 7 MORE CASES

The Sunday Times by Joe Spagnolo Political Editor

Sunday 27 September 2020, 12:00am - Pages 12 and 13

THE crisis surrounding a coronavirus-stricken cargo ship berthed off the coast of Port Hedland has deepened, with a further seven crew members now infected. It means nine of the 21 Filipino crew members on board the bulk carrier Patricia Oldendorff,...

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Another seven crew members from ship off Port Hedland test positive for COVID-19

ABC News

Saturday 26 September 2020, 5:02pm

Western Australian Health Minister Roger Cook confirms a total of nine crew from the Patricia Oldendorff have now tested positive to coronavirus, following testing overnight, with the new cases remaining on board the ship.

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Nine coronavirus cases on board ship anchored off Western Australia

The Daily Telegraph by Phoebe Loomes

Saturday 26 September 2020, 8:12pm

Seven additional crew members on a ship anchored off the West Australian coast have tested positive for COVID-19, taking the total number of people infected to nine.

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The Games must go on

Sunday Herald Sun

Sunday 27 September 2020, 12:00am - Page 13

TOKYO: JAPAN is "determined" to host the postponed Olympic Games in 2021 despite the coronavirus pandemic, the country's newly elected prime minister told the United Nations General Assembly on Saturday. "In the summer of next year, Japan is determined to..."

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VIRUS TOLL TO TOP 1 MILLION

Sunday Canberra Times

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The World Health Organisation (WHO) has warned of a massive increase in fatalities from the novel coronavirus pandemic, expecting the global death toll to reach one million next week. Further, a figure of two million deaths is unimaginable, "but not..."

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The Examiner



COVID RESTRICTIONS RISE

Sunday Tasmanian

Sunday 27 September 2020, 12:00am - Page 29

LONDON: More than 16 million people in Britain are living under heightened COVID-19 restrictions after bans on visiting friends and family were extended across northwest England and parts of Wales were put in lockdown. A quarter of the country will...

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Scott Morrison to urge sharing of COVID-19 vaccine in his United Nations speech

ABC News by David Lipson

Saturday 26 September 2020, 6:53am

In a video-link to the UN General Assembly, the Prime Minister will tell the member states they have a "moral responsibility" to share COVID-19 vaccines, according to a transcript of prepared remarks.

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Thosand protest London lockdown

Canberra Times by Joe Gammie and Mike Bedigan

Saturday 26 September 2020, 10:29pm

Thousands of protesters have gathered for an anti-lockdown demonstration in central London. Crowds massed in Trafalgar Square on Saturday carrying signs, flag...

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Pfizer urged to wait until November to seek vaccine authorisation

The Sydney Morning Herald (SMH) by Jeannie Baumann

Saturday 26 September 2020, 3:51pm

More than 60 leading researchers said Pfizer's clinical trial shouldn't be rushed as it needed to monitor participants for at least two months after they received the second dose.

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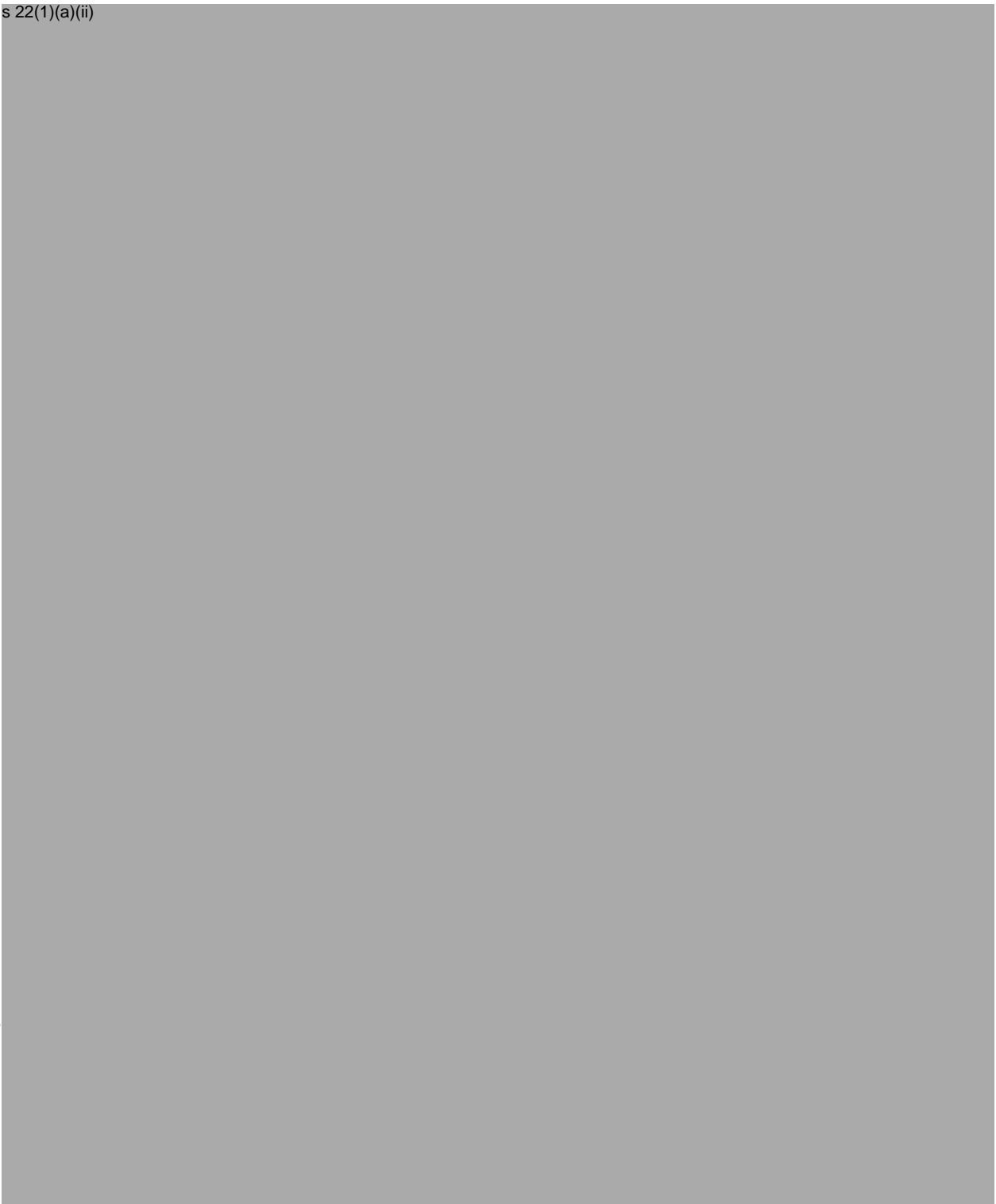
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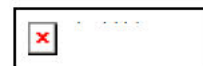
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Good morning - please find the latest COVID-19 related coverage below.

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COVID-19 Saturday Morning Summary

- Globally there are 399,585 reported new COVID-19 infections with 6,107 further deaths. The global aggregate is currently 39,153,507 reported infections, 29,371,353 recoveries, 1,102,433 deaths and 70,885 cases are considered serious or critical.
- NSW has recorded five new COVID-19 cases overnight, including one case of community transmission linked to a Lakemba cluster which now totals 16 people. Victoria recorded two new coronavirus cases on Friday and two new cases of COVID-19 were diagnosed in Queensland. The national death toll is 904: Victoria 816, NSW 55, Tasmania 13, WA 9, Queensland 6, SA 4 and the ACT 3.
- Victoria's hotel quarantine inquiry will hold an extraordinary sitting next week, days after Daniel Andrews and his senior staff were asked to hand their phone records to the investigation. The Board of Inquiry proposes to hold a sitting at 2pm on Tuesday 20 October. It is unclear whether the inquiry, headed by former Family Court Judge Jennifer Coate, will recall Mr Andrews. The Inquiry has resulted

in the resignations of Health Minister Jenny Mikakos and former Department of Premier and Cabinet secretary Chris Eccles.

- Fourteen passengers have been detained in Melbourne after they arrived from New Zealand under the trans-Tasman bubble arrangements. The passengers flew to Sydney and boarded a connecting flight to Melbourne despite Melbourne currently not accepting international travellers. The Australian Department of Home Affairs says that quarantine-free travel from New Zealand will initially be to New South Wales and the Northern Territory only, with other states and territories to be added at a later date. A spokesperson from the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) says the ministry has not been approached in relation to this matter.
- Millions of people will be banned from mixing indoors, with London due to be placed under tier 2 COVID-19 restrictions from this weekend. Prime Minister Boris Johnson says London will move from tier 1 to tier 2, or from "medium" to "high" alert, from 12:01 am on Saturday under the new tiered system. Tier 2 restrictions mean different households will be banned from mixing indoors, including inside homes, pubs and restaurants, and Londoners will also be told to avoid public transport and making non-essential travel. Matt Hancock, Health Secretary, says the tighter restrictions were needed in London as coronavirus infections were doubling every 10 days.

Leading COVID-19 News Stories

Story	Print	Radio	TV	Online	Total
Scott Morrison announces repatriation flights for Australians in UK, India and South Africa	43	890	1190	741	2864
NSW reports five new coronavirus cases with one linked to Lakemba cluster	33	275	1022	1204	2534
Lockdown challenge: Victoria given four days to figure out High Court response	19	51	677	426	1173
Thirty-year failure to tackle preventable disease fuelling global Covid pandemic	58	140	47	853	1098
Victoria's coronavirus hotel quarantine inquiry to hold 'extraordinary sitting', Opposition wants Brett Sutton recalled	11	181	86	165	443

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Cabinet confidential

The Saturday Paper

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Some of Australia's most eminent lawyers are questioning Prime Minister Scott Morrison's use of federal cabinet conventions to keep secret the proceedings of his Covid-29 national cabinet and the information given by the committee of doctors advising it. High-profile barristers...

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The Weekend Australian by Helen Trinca

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HR skills are still needed post-pandemic, even as businesses turn to tech Story by Helen Trinca It's been a tough year for many of the nation's human resource practitioners as they have felt the impact of business cost-cutting. Many have...

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SAFE AND SECURE

The Daily Telegraph by Cara Jenkin

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THE PANDEMIC-PROOF JOBS OFFERING LONG-TERM EMPLOYMENT OPTIONS ONE in four occupational groups experienced jobs growth during the height of the coronavirus pandemic this year. Australian Bureau of Statistics data shows 14 of the 54 occupational groups experienced an increase in...

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CBA to beef up small business lending by hiring more staff and implementing new online lending technology

The Australian by Gerard Cockburn

Saturday 17 October 2020, 3:20am

Commonwealth Bank will beef up the size of its in-branch business workforce and implement same-day approvals across all its business lending products as part of its plan to be the countrys number one business bank.

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Frustration over Melbourne's coronavirus lockdown mounts as business begs for restrictions to be eased

ABC News by Elias Clure

Friday 16 October 2020, 6:17am

Small business owners who initially supported Victoria's tough lockdown are now losing faith, saying they're tired of playing "guessing games" over what the Premier will announce on Sunday.

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ABC News, MSN Australia, MSN Australia, MSN Australia



Business calls for faster Vic reopening

Canberra Times

Friday 16 October 2020, 1:26pm

The Victorian government is being accused of "box ticking" rather than proper consultation with small business over the roadmap out of coronavirus lockdown re...

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Supermarkets face migration, online issues

AFR Weekend by Sue Mitchell

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Retail It is a mixed bag ahead for the grocery industry. Supermarket retailers are reviewing plans for new supermarkets and convenience stores amid a once-in-a-century drop in net immigration and a step-change in online grocery sales during the pandemic. Population...

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THE REVOLUTION IN HEALTHCARE

AFR Weekend

Saturday 17 October 2020, 12:00am - Pages 26, 27, and 29

Disruption With massive change under way, Tony Featherstone outlines how investors can spot opportunities and the best way to gain exposure. COVID-19 is providing a shot of adrenalin for healthcare investing as technology hastens change across the sector and reimagines...

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New gas sources needed as supply dries up

The Weekend Australian by Perry Williams

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The southern states urgently require new sources of gas to fill a looming supply shortfall as production from offshore Victoria dries up, while revenue from the nation's LNG exports fell 16 per cent to the end of August as a...

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Vaccine makers race to meet global demand

The Weekend Australian by Bojan Pancevski

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The chief executive of the German company partnering with Pfizer in its coronavirus vaccine effort says the two are racing to increase production to meet the world's needs, assuming the shot wins a regulatory green light. The two companies were...

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Testing times place biotechs on frontline

The Sydney Morning Herald

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While the world awaits a COVID-19 vaccine, rapid diagnostics startups are getting plenty of attention from investors, writes Emma Koehn. The COVID-19 pandemic has put the pharmaceuticals sector firmly on the radar of markets and outfits offering rapid diagnostics tests...

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After the virus: A plan for women

The Saturday Paper

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Natasha Stott Despoja Is the chair of Our Watch. She Is a former senator for South Australia and a former leader of the Australian Democrats. If ever we needed a gender lens on government policy, it is now. The impact...

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This government loves picking losers

The Canberra Times by Crispin Hull

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AUSTRALIA'S increasing habit of choosing losers was highlighted again in the past week. Anyone but the most blinkered global-heating denier knew that Chinese demand for Australian coal would fall as renewables got cheaper, and that China wants to take some...

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Vital Signs: yes, we need to make things in Australia, but not like in the past

The Conversation by Richard Holden

Friday 16 October 2020, 6:08am

There's a strong case for more strategic local manufacturing. There's little case for making cars and trains in Australia.

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ABC News Australia

ABC News Breakfast 5 times a week, 6:00am to 9:00am

Friday 16 October 2020, 8:26am

the regulator says around 45,000 customers have deferred energy bills worth a total of \$23 million during the pandemic. and the markets, the futures pointing the wrong way after a very modest fall on wall street overnight.

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**ABC News Australia**

ABC Evening News 5 times a week, 6:00pm to 7:00pm
Friday 16 October 2020, 6:32pm

Victoria's premier says small increases in coronavirus cases in recent days mean more re-industrial relations Relations commission 'cause be eased by the end of the month. There were only two new cases reported and no deaths.

Daniel Andrews is expected to outline some modifications to coronavirus rules on Sunday, but has now flagged further steps could be announced the following weekend.

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ABC (Perth)

**ABC Radio National Australia**

RN Breakfast 5 times a week, 6:00am to 9:00am
16 October 2020, 8:03am

South Australia and Tasmania have deferred their bills in line with industry measures to avoid disconnections during the pandemic, The Australian Energy Council says people should contact their retailer, if they're struggling,

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Community Impact 5 items**Premiers struggle as toll of virus eases**

AFR Weekend by Andrew Clark

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"The people of this state know I have done nothing wrong. I never have and I never will," a defiant NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian said this week as details of her secret affair with disgraced former state Liberal MP Daryl...

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**TIME TO TRACE THE WORKERS**

The Weekend Australian by Jarrod McGrath

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There's a revolution under way for remote work - but what about the face-to-face sectors? Comment by Jarrod McGrath Most of the rhetoric around the pandemic's impact on how we work has centred on industries and roles that are more...

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THE NEW RULES: DON'T SOLDIER ON

The Weekend Australian by Ewin Hannan

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Australians are notorious for going to work even when unwell, but COVID-19 may have changed that culture permanently. Story by Ewin Hannan The COVID-19 pandemic has reduced management resistance to employees working from home and convinced employees they should not...

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Renters struggle to afford essentials with reduced income

Canberra Times by Rochelle Kirkham

Friday 16 October 2020, 6:00pm

They cannot afford bills, clothing, transport and food after paying rent because their incomes have been reduced due to COVID-19

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'Disturbing': Aussies' disgusting bathroom habit despite pandemic

The Daily Telegraph by Shireen Khalil

Friday 16 October 2020, 7:49am

It's meant to be a habit instilled at a young age and more importantly, heightened due to the coronavirus pandemic – but it appears Aussies aren't too fussed when it comes to this bathroom act.

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PM to Andrews: It's time to relax Victorian curbs

AFR Weekend by Patrick Durkin

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Prime Minister Scott Morrison has told Victoria's Premier Daniel Andrews "it's time" to "keep his side of the bargain", after Victoria recorded just two new COVID-19 cases. But Mr Andrews said society would have priority over the economy in his...

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Rivers of cash make a federal watchdog essential

AFR Weekend by John Kehoe

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The nation Vast amounts of COVID-19 money being handed out at speed with less oversight is a recipe for trouble. The right model for scrutiny is needed. If the virtuous NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian can have her conduct grilled by...

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An opportunity to nurture green economic shoots

The Weekend Australian

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A series of small steps suggests recovery is under way Scott Morrison is right. On Friday, Victoria's daily tally of new COVID-19 infections fell to just two, with no new deaths recorded. It is time, as the Prime Minister said,...

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Cotton the next victim in China spat

The Weekend Australian by Jared Lynch

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Two years after the federal government forced Chinese textile giant Shandong Ruyi to sell down its stake in Australia's biggest cotton farm, Beijing is now urging its spinning mills not to use Australian cotton as it fires its latest shot...

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Cormann joins chorus of condemnation over McGowan's hard border excuses

The Sydney Morning Herald (SMH) by Nathan Hondros

Friday 16 October 2020, 2:59pm

Mathias Cormann has savaged Mark McGowan for persisting with his total border lockdown despite the state's chief health officer revealing it could open safely to some other states.

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Plan for more stranded Aussies to return

Canberra Times by Matt Coughlan

Friday 16 October 2020, 6:12am

The federal government is hoping to finalise a deal to quarantine a swag of returning Aussie travellers near Darwin. As Canberra lifts inbound passenger numbe...

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Premier may ease restrictions if numbers stay low

The Sydney Morning Herald by Kate Aubusson Health Editor

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NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian has foreshadowed further easing of coronavirus restrictions next week if COVID-19 case numbers are low over the weekend. But there will be at least a handful of new cases formally reported today, including a family and...

[VIEW PDF](#) [VIEW TEXT](#)**Premier's future looks bleaker the more we know****The Sydney Morning Herald**

Saturday 17 October 2020, 12:00am - Page 36

As Premier, Gladys Berejiklian has never missed a chance to draw invidious comparisons between the ALP's abysmal record on corruption and her own government. On August 9, 2017, soon after former ALP cabinet ministers Eddie Obeid and Ian Macdonald had...

[VIEW PDF](#) [VIEW TEXT](#)**Tracers making big calls on virus****The Daily Telegraph** by Miranda Wood

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NSW contact tracers have made more than 5100 phone calls in the past week to help contain the spread of COVID-19 with Health Minister Brad Hazzard praising their "world-class detective work". Only days after an increase in locally acquired cases...

[VIEW PDF](#) [VIEW TEXT](#)**Victorians say NSW has done a better job at handling pandemic, survey finds****The Daily Telegraph** by Sophie Elsworth

Friday 16 October 2020, 8:00pm

Exclusive: Disgruntled Victorians believe NSW has handled the pandemic better than their own state, new analysis has found.

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**NSW and Sydney Covid trend map: where coronavirus cases are rising or falling****The Guardian** by Nick Evershed

Friday 16 October 2020, 12:39pm

Guardian Australia analysis and map shows how the pattern of Covid-19 has changed by region and throughout Sydney

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Don't tinker around the edges of lockdown, Premier

The Weekend Australian

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Victorians are needlessly terrified. At his daily wafflefest, Daniel Andrews not only regurgitates the familiar bile, he also uses scaremongering tactics to justify his dictatorial decrees. He has claimed this "vicious" virus spreads like wildfire, it doesn't discriminate between ages...

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Pubs, shops to stay shut as lockdown rules ease

Saturday Age by Noel Towell

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Restaurants, cafes, pubs and most of Melbourne's shops will remain empty for at least another week, despite Victoria's daily COVID-19 case numbers falling to their lowest since June. Premier Daniel Andrews said it was unlikely that retail and hospitality would...

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I'll drink to that: tourism chiefs propose 'safe' alternative

The Herald Sun by Mandy Squires

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VICTORIA'S peak tourism bodies have called for travel restrictions to be lifted across the state by the end of the month. The Victorian Tourism Industry Council on Friday said it was clear Victoria would not meet its COVID road map...

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Victorian Opposition Leader Michael O'Brien sets out alternative roadmap for easing coronavirus restrictions

ABC News

Friday 16 October 2020, 4:37pm

Victorian Opposition Leader Michael O'Brien says Victoria has flattened its coronavirus curve and Premier Daniel Andrews must significantly ease restrictions on Sunday.

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Challenge to Victoria's tough coronavirus lockdown reaches High Court

ABC News by Jamie McKinnell

Friday 16 October 2020, 6:04pm

Lawyers for hotelier Julian Gerner claim the High Court needs to determine the lawfulness of Victoria's stage 4 restrictions urgently, with the State Government given until next Tuesday to respond to the court action.

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Melbourne pubs plea to Premier Dan Andrews to reopen amid mounting debt

Herald Sun

Friday 16 October 2020, 7:49am

Victorian pubs are reportedly being hit with costs of up to \$25,000 a week while not being able to open because of pandemic restrictions.

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Labor in frame for 23 years of Canberra rule

AFR Weekend by Andrew Tillett Political Correspondent

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Canberrans will vote on Saturday to decide whether Australia's longestruling government will have its term extended past 20 years in office. Against the backdrop of the coronavirus pandemic driving an unprecedented level of early voting, Labor is seeking to win...

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ANU postpone graduations ceremonies

The Canberra Times by Andrew Brown

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UNIVERSITY students who have finished their degrees will have to wait even longer to walk across the stage wearing mortarboards and gowns after the Australian National University cancelled December graduation ceremonies. The university announced the move to postpone the ceremonies...

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Joyce's push for Qld payment ignored

AFR Weekend by Lucas Baird

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Alan Joyce wrote to Queensland Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk pushing her to pay the state government's travel expenses to Qantas in advance and unwind specific regulatory requirements to help ease the pressure of COVID-19. The private letters, obtained under right to...

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Queensland police will grill NRL fans on their whereabouts ahead of Friday's preliminary final

The Australian by Darren Cartwright

Friday 16 October 2020, 10:29am

NRL fans can expect close interrogation at Queensland's border before being allowed to enter the state to see Canberra take on Melbourne in Friday night's match at Suncorp Stadium.

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Public sector job and spending cuts the LNP's only option to balance budget in four years, report finds

ABC News by Jessica Rendall, Lexy Hamilton-Smith
Friday 16 October 2020, 6:51am

A report by progressive think tank Per Capita finds the LNP will have to cut 29,000 jobs in the next financial year among other austerity measures to honour its promise to bring Queensland's budget to surplus within four years.

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Dancing, gatherings of 40 people allowed in Qld from Friday afternoon

The Sydney Morning Herald (SMH) by Lucy Stone
Friday 16 October 2020, 11:26am

Deputy Premier Steven Miles said Queensland's record of 36 days with no community transmission meant more restrictions could be eased.

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Palaszczuk Government's economic recovery plan 'just a glossy document'

The Daily Telegraph by MICHAEL WRAY
Friday 16 October 2020, 10:56pm

The Palaszczuk Government's hyped economic recovery plan has been rubbished as "just a glossy document" that lacks detail after the Premier refused to reveal if it was based on any modelling.

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Calls for stronger coronavirus controls as Darwin's Howard Springs camp prepares for stranded Australians

ABC News by Jesse Thompson

Friday 16 October 2020, 8:05am

The former workers camp attracted headlines with an apparent "quarantine rave" last week and the AMA NT says infection controls need to improve before the first planeload of stranded Australians arrives.

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NSW virus clusters a growing concern to SA

Canberra Times by Tim Dornin

Friday 16 October 2020, 3:53pm

A number of COVID-19 clusters in NSW are causing concern for South Australian authorities but there have been no moves to re-impose border restrictions. Premi...

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Crowd-funding campaign to buy a slice of Apple Isle islands

The Weekend Australian by Lisa Allen

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Former Liberal MP and barrister Clem Newton-Brown is hoping to raise up to \$1.5m from a crowd-funding campaign to buy more Tasmanian islands, as the COVID-19 experience boosts the popularity of regional accommodation. Mr Newton-Brown, once the member for Prahran,...

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Tasmanian Premier Peter Gutwein says family limit is being reviewed for Christmas

Canberra Times by Sue Bailey

Friday 16 October 2020, 5:30am

A limit of 20 for family gatherings is 'Christmas Grinchy', says one Tasmanian MP.

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The rest of the country can have 50 guests or more – so isn't it time to ease our restrictions?

The Daily Telegraph by Jenna Cairney

Friday 16 October 2020, 10:36am

INDEPENDENT member of parliament Madeleine Ogilvie on Thursday questioned the government's restrictions around the number of people allowed in private residences.

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MY FEAR OF MASS DEATHS

The West Weekend by Exclusive Peter Law

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Premier Mark McGowan says he's "afraid" of coronavirus returning to WA and having "mass deaths on his conscience" as he stared down critics of the State's controversial hard border. Speaking after mixed messages about the policy created mass confusion this...

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FEAR OF 'MASS DEATHS' BEHIND BORDER STANCE

The West Weekend by Exclusive Peter Law State Political Editor

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Mark McGowan says he is "afraid" of coronavirus returning to Western Australia and having "mass deaths on his conscience", as he stared down critics of the State's controversial hard border. The Premier - who is now the only State or...

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Ex-minister Julie Bishop says cut leaders some slack on COVID-19

The Australian by Emily Cosenza

Friday 16 October 2020, 7:28pm

Former Liberal politician Julie Bishop was surprised by the Federal Government's decision to give COVID-19 quarantine arrangement powers to each state but urged Australians to cut our leaders some slack.

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WA seeks backpackers to fill staff shortages as Kimberley prepares for bumper wet season

ABC News by Tyne Logan

Friday 16 October 2020, 2:29pm

Hospitality and tourism businesses desperate for staff are considering incentives to entice workers, like British backpacker Claudia Page, to the Kimberley region to cope with the influx of tourists.

VIEW ONLINE[Back to Top](#)**Global Response** 5 items**Records set across Europe as virus spirals out of control****AFR Weekend** by Michael Birnbaum

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Brussels/Rome/London Coronavirus infections in Europe set records this week and a World Health Organisation official warned that winter death rates could be five times worse than the April peak if people were not strict about masks and social distancing. WHO...

[VIEW PDF](#) [VIEW TEXT](#)**Trump refuses to disavow QAnon****The Sydney Morning Herald** by Matthew Knott Farrah Tomazin

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US President Donald Trump has declined to disavow the nonsensical QAnon conspiracy theory in a combative town hall performance that aired at the same time as a rival event with Democratic nominee Joe Biden in lieu of a presidential debate....

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Saturday Age

**London braces as virus risk levels heighten****The Canberra Times**

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London LONDON and seven other areas will face further restrictions after the British government on Thursday raised their coronavirus risk levels in an effort to slow the exponential rise in infection rates across the country. The government's decision to move...

[VIEW PDF](#) [VIEW TEXT](#)**Gilead questions WHO trial results on drug****Canberra Times** by John Miller and Stephanie Nebehay

Saturday 17 October 2020, 3:05am

A row has broken out over a World Health Organisation clinical trial which concluded that the anti-viral drug remdesivir has little or no impact on a patient'...

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**Why Trump's COVID-19 antibody cocktail won't be widely available****The Sydney Morning Herald (SMH)** by Naomi Kresge

Friday 16 October 2020, 11:10am

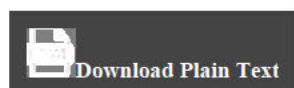
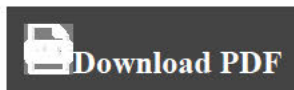
It's impossible to make enough of the antibody cocktail President Donald Trump credited for his swift coronavirus recovery to treat everyone who might need it, says the Swiss pharma giant working on scaling up its production.

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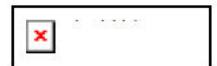
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DAILY COVID-19 BRIEFING

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Good morning - please find the latest COVID-19 related coverage below.

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COVID-19 Tuesday Morning Summary

- Globally there are 406,580 reported new COVID-19 infections with 4,500 further deaths. The global aggregate is currently 43,325,816 reported infections, 31,896,736 recoveries, 1,158,917 deaths and 77,727 cases are considered serious or critical.
- Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews has partially ended Melbourne's COVID-19 lockdown with retail, hospitality, entertainment and small businesses being allowed to return to work from midnight tonight, with strict capacity restraints, marking the end of the 112-day lockdown. The reopening follows a testing blitz across the north of Melbourne that found no new cases or deaths from COVID-19 and the state recording the first day with no new cases since before the second wave started, 139 days ago.
- Motorsport driver Jamie Whincup drove one of his team's semi-trailers home after racing in the Bathurst 1000 in New South Wales so he could cross the Queensland border with a freight pass. But now he has been evicted from the Sunshine State along with six teammates after authorities told them to enter hotel quarantine or return to New South Wales. Police are now investigating other supercar

teams who entered the state on freight passes after racing in Bathurst, a COVID-19 hotspot, on October 17 and 18.

- A new poll shows West Australians increasingly want Premier Mark McGowan to set a tentative date for the opening of WA's hard border as Victoria yesterday went without any new cases for the first time since June, giving renewed hope that WA's updated roadmap for easing interstate travel restrictions will provide certainty to businesses and allow families to reunite for Christmas. Tourism Council WA's Evan Hall says the border should only reopen based on health advice, but the state needed a date to work towards.
- There were emotional scenes at Hobart Airport yesterday as Tasmania's borders opened to COVID-19 safe states and families and friends were reunited after spending months apart with Premier Peter Gutwein saying he was pleased to welcome tourists back. A strong police presence was at the airport to enforce COVID-19 compliance, but little social distancing was seen when arriving passengers jumped to embrace those awaiting their return.
- The NSW-Victorian border could stay closed for weeks because the Berejiklian government remains unconvinced Victorian health authorities could manage a new outbreak after restrictions in Melbourne are eased this week. Despite pushing for the border with Queensland to reopen, the NSW government is taking a "wait and see" approach to Victoria, concerned the slow reopening is an indication that Daniel Andrews does not have full confidence in his state's contact tracing.

Leading COVID-19 News Stories

Story	Print	Radio	TV	Online	Total
Melbourne, regional Victoria lockdown restrictions to be eased as state records zero COVID-19 cases for first time in more than three months.	125	2948	3927	4441	11441
Melbourne's coronavirus restrictions ease as Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews announces end to lockdown.	37	1212	251	1278	2778
CSL may need an extra year to make a non-protein COVID vaccine if proven to be safe, effective.	11	95	41	128	275
Joe Biden blasts Donald Trump's COVID-19 strategy after White House chief of staff admits 'we're not going to control the virus'.	106	1107	1902	2034	5149

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Conoco warns on gas price deal

The Australian by Perry Williams

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Energy giant ConocoPhillips, one of Australia's big LNG exporters, has cautioned the Morrison government against intervention in Australia's gas market, warning that investment could stall should price controls be introduced. With Scott Morrison on Tuesday set to start the process...

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Price of redundancy: \$1.3bn

The Australian by Ewin Hannan

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Taxpayers will fork out \$1.3bn in wages and entitlements for almost 120,000 workers by 2023 if federal government forecasts about the number of businesses felled by COVID-19 are realised. Officials from the Attorney-General's Department detailed a big rise in the...

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Bourse at risk of being hit by offshore concerns

The Australian by David Rogers Markets Editor

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The recent outperformance of the Australian sharemarket should continue due to the nation's vastly better trends in coronavirus numbers, its world-leading fiscal stimulus and expectations that the Reserve Bank will cut rates and expand its asset-buying at next week's meeting....

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Labor's plan to put innovative tech at the centre of its growth policy

Australian Financial Review (AFR) by Paul Smith

Tuesday 27 October 2020, 3:00am

Labor's innovation spokeswoman, Clare O'Neil, says her party will change R&D incentives and make tech policy central to jobs and economic planning if it wins government.

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Pharmacists enlisted for Covid war

The Australian by Jared Lynch

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An army of 10,000 pharmacists will play a critical role in the immunisation of millions of Australians against COVID-19 when a vaccine arrives. Community pharmacies are emerging as one of the key planks in the federal government's \$1.7bn effort to...

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Tourist bus operators desperate for government lifeline

The Australian by Anton Nilsson

Monday 26 October 2020, 4:07pm

Independent tourist bus operators say they're desperate for a government lifeline after COVID-19 restrictions smashed their businesses and pushed some close to bankruptcy.

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Australia's services exports have been smashed – and that's not good for jobs

The Guardian by Greg Jericho

Tuesday 27 October 2020, 3:30am

The trade surplus remains but the reality is our exports of iron ore are making things look better than they really are

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Shortage of farm workers seeds a bitter harvest

The Sydney Morning Herald by Joanna Howe

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If we want cherries for Christmas, our farmers need more workers now. The horticulture industry is facing a critical labour shortage. To the federal government's credit, it has responded to the ballooning farm labour crisis. It has developed a workers'...

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Bursting to get back to work

The Herald Sun by Claire Heaney

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RETAILERS are breathing a sigh of relief that they can open in time to cash in on traditionally lucrative Christmas shopping trade. Industry groups said Premier Daniel Andrews had heard the pleas of the struggling sector, allowing employees to get...

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Victoria's Year 12 students face final test after schooling through coronavirus pandemic

ABC News by Ben Knight

Monday 26 October 2020, 6:26am

Every Year 12 student in Victoria has been affected by the pandemic in different ways — from the kids locked down in the public housing towers in the middle of the year, to those in the affluent suburbs of Melbourne's...

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Victorians cry for help

The Herald Sun by Sue Dunlevy

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THERE are three times as many Victorians seeking help for mental health than the rest of the country, Australia's top mental health bureaucrat says. A Senate Estimates Committee yesterday heard young people in particular had experienced a loss of hope...

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Youth swamp mental health hotlines

The Advertiser

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YOUNG people have lost hope about what the future holds and feel their world has narrowed as a result of COVID-19, Australia's top mental health bureaucrat says. Mental Health Commissioner Christine Morgan yesterday told a Senate Estimates committee the problem...

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Rise in youth suicides predicted in Sydney, Baulkham Hills

The Daily Telegraph by Ben Pike

Monday 26 October 2020, 6:00am

Sydney city, the Hunter Region, the Baulkham Hills area and the state's far west will be the hardest hit by youth suicides in the coming eight months.

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Family visits key to control

The Herald Sun by Grant Mc Arthur

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HOUSEHOLDS and unguarded family gatherings present the greatest risk of spawning fresh coronavirus outbreaks as Victoria reopens, health authorities warn. However, Premier Daniel Andrews has indicated the state is unlikely to be plunged into a third widespread lockdown, hoping any...

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Morrison credits people of Victoria - not Andrews

Australian Financial Review (AFR) by Phillip Coorey Political Editor

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Senior Labor figures say the business community has all but given up on the Andrews government and has been liaising increasingly with federal MPs in a bid to communicate. As Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews announced the lifting of months of...

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New warning against plans for gas reserve

Australian Financial Review (AFR) by Phillip Coorey Political Editor

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A government discussion paper on plans for an east coast domestic gas reserve cautions against deterring foreign investment in new gas fields, especially in the COVID-19 climate, which has already led to a sharp drop in international demand and price....

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COVIDSafe app identifies just 17 contacts not found by contact tracers

The Sydney Morning Herald (SMH) by Rachel Clun

Monday 26 October 2020, 4:15pm

Seven million people have downloaded the app and registered to use it, Senate estimates heard on Monday.

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Low rates tipped to 'assist' recovery

The Canberra Times

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TREASURY boss Steven Kennedy believes the Morrison government's response to the coronavirus pandemic should have a greater impact on the economy in a low interest environment. Dr Kennedy told a Senate estimates hearing on Monday the economic recovery was under...

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Government in more vaccine talks, but there is little detail

The Canberra Times by Sally Whyte

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THE Australian government is in "active discussions" with American pharmaceutical giant Pfizer and other unnamed companies over potential vaccines for COVID-19, the Health Department says. But little detail has been given about those talks, leading independent Senator Rex Patrick to...

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NSW to 'wait and see' before opening Victorian border

The Australian by Kylar Loussikian

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The NSW-Victorian border could stay closed for weeks because the Berejiklian government remains unconvinced Victorian health authorities could manage a new outbreak after restrictions in Melbourne are eased this week. Despite pushing for the border with Queensland to reopen, the...

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Sydney professor Edward Holmes has been recognised after telling the world the virus' genomic code, Kate Aubusson reports. FULL STORY NEWS PAGE 6 The man who first published the genome sequence of the coronavirus for the world to see has...

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Fears of a second wave of COVID-19 in NSW and being forced back into lockdown are top of mind for three out of five voters in the state, with most also worried about a drawn-out recession. An exclusive Ipsos poll...

[VIEW PDF](#) [VIEW TEXT](#)**Councils urge budget stimulus spend****The Sydney Morning Herald** by Matt O'sullivan

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Councils are urging the NSW government to expand on its spending program in next month's state budget to help dig the economy out of a deep recession. In a pre-budget plea for more funding, the peak body for the state's...

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Australian Financial Review (AFR) by Natasha Boddy

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► Relief as Andrews announces end to 112-day lockdown ► Zero new Victorian cases ► One local transmission nationwide Business has urged the Victorian government to outline a proper plan to fully reopen the state's economy after Premier Daniel Andrews...

[VIEW PDF](#) [VIEW TEXT](#)**Strong public support for Andrews****The Age** by Jewel Topsfield

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Support for Premier Daniel Andrews remains solid, with just over half of Victorians backing his handling of the coronavirus pandemic despite months of tough lockdown restrictions and criticism over the failed hotel quarantine program. In a week when new daily...

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A nurse infected with coronavirus while working at an eastern Melbourne hospital transmitted COVID-19 to members of her household in the city's north, sparking a cluster that delayed the easing of restrictions. The nurse contracted the virus from a patient...

[VIEW PDF](#) [VIEW TEXT](#)**State's contact tracing to face its biggest test****The Age** by Aisha Dow Liam Mannix

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Victoria's contact tracing system is set to undergo its biggest test yet, as the state declares itself open for business. Experts say yesterday's milestone of zero new cases is vindication of the government's hardline lockdown strategy. Australian Medical Association Victorian...

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Tuesday 27 October 2020, 4:30am

Local businesses near the public service's hubs in Canberra are worried the return of bureaucrats to the office won't be enough for recovery.

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QUEENSLAND FISCAL SHIP LISTING, BUT WHO CARES?

The Australian by Judith Sloan

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The state's voters seem quite inured to their government's budget vandalism There was a time when a government's poor financial management carried a heavy political price. Reckless financial management was a death knell. But, judged by the experience of Queensland,...

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Open up or we'll go broke

The Daily Telegraph

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HE'S a Labor man through-and-through but former Queensland premier Peter Beattie has slammed his party's handling of the coronavirus pandemic, saying all states must "adopt the NSW model or we're going to go broke". Mr Beattie, who said it "pained"...

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Rocky nurse at centre of COVID scare in human rights move

The Daily Telegraph by Jackie Sinnerton

Monday 26 October 2020, 11:01pm

An action has been filed at the Queensland Human Rights Commission against Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk, Health Minister Steven Miles, Chief Health Officer Jeannette Young and Labor Member for Keppel Brittany Lauga over their treatment of the Rockhampton aged care nurse...

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Gold Coast economy: Pleas for JobKeeper to be extended by Federal Government as city's economy faces massive downturn

The Daily Telegraph by Andrew Potts

Monday 26 October 2020, 1:42pm

MAYOR Tom Tate warns the Gold Coast will "go off a cliff" as early as February unless the federal government extends JobKeeper three months.

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Queensland businesses face collapse after government stimulus ends

The Daily Telegraph by Shae McDonald

Monday 26 October 2020, 5:33pm

Queensland business owners are on the brink of collapse and will go to the wall next year after government support such as JobKeeper ends.

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Coronavirus rules 'new norm', says Premier as he casts doubt on any relaxation as three more COVID-19 cases emerge from overseas travellers

The Daily Telegraph by Andrew Hough

Monday 26 October 2020, 4:11pm

Coronavirus rules on South Australia's hospitality industry are unlikely to change under a "new norm", the Premier has suggested as the state recorded more COVID-19 cases from overseas.

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Adelaide Now, Cairns Post, Gold Coast Bulletin, Herald Sun, NT News, The Courier Mail, The Daily Telegraph, The Mercury



SA to keep limits on pubs and restaurants

Canberra Times by Tim Dornin

Monday 26 October 2020, 4:00pm

Restrictions on South Australia's hospitality sector will remain for some time with the state's COVID-19 measures set at a "new type of normal", Premier Steve...

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COVID transparency calls as more cases confirmed

The Advertiser by Daniel Wills

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PARLIAMENT is set to request the state's COVID-19 rule committee hand over meeting minutes, amid political concerns about decision-making transparency and calls for a further easing of bans. The Transition Committee will today debate hospitality restrictions, including standingup drinking and...

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Time to hammer need for safety

The Advertiser by Martin Haese

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TODAY, Business SA sends an important message to employers: Make sure every worker makes it home. It sounds simple, but workplace accidents are real and can strike at any time, and the consequences can be devastating. From serious injuries to...

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First flight arrives in Hobart as Tasmania opens border

ABC News by Loretta Lohberger

Monday 26 October 2020, 11:52am

The first flight to arrive in Hobart carrying travellers who do not need to quarantine arrives and is met by a hefty police presence.

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Tasmania tops CommSec State of the States report again as population growth powers island's performance

ABC News by Kate Ainsworth

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Tasmania's economy continues to outperform the rest of the nation, but economists warn the island state isn't without challenges on the horizon — with a veteran economist questioning if it has "put more eggs than we should have in the..."

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Tasmania borders reopen today excluding NSW, Victoria

The Daily Telegraph by Lauren McMahon

Monday 26 October 2020, 1:42pm

Tasmania is welcoming back Australians from the mainland, except for those from NSW and Victoria, as its hard border comes down today.

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Watering hole closed to mainlanders until 'vertical drinking' restriction is canned

The Daily Telegraph by Patrick Gee

Monday 26 October 2020, 6:35pm

MAINLANDERS will be asked if they have been "vertical drinking" in the past 14 days upon entry to the popular Launceston pub Sporties Hotel and denied entry if the answer is 'yes'.

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Business asks for COVID tax relief to boost recovery

The Daily Telegraph by DAVID KILLICK

Tuesday 27 October 2020, 12:05am

THE Tasmanian government must suspend the collection of payroll tax for the duration of the pandemic to help the economic recovery, the state's peak business body says.

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Other interstate border policies are working to stop COVID-19, despite WA Chief Health Officer's advice

The Sydney Morning Herald (SMH) by Heather McNeill

Monday 26 October 2020, 9:02am

Despite WA's Chief Health Officer providing advice that Victoria's second wave continues to seep into other states, an analysis by WAtoday showed neighbouring border controls are working.

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Is Mark McGowan about to go soft on WA's hard border lockdown?

The Sydney Morning Herald (SMH) by Nathan Hondros

Monday 26 October 2020, 8:34pm

A social media post by Premier Mark McGowan congratulating Victoria for recording zero new cases of COVID-19 has prompted speculation WA could be preparing to relax its hard border.

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Ray of hope for WA's economy, 'state of the states' report shows

The Sydney Morning Herald (SMH) by Fran Rimrod

Monday 26 October 2020, 11:52am

WA has lifted its economic performance in the last quarter thanks to its handling of the COVID-19 pandemic and health activity in the mining sector.

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Global Response 5 items

**Trump has given up on taming virus: Biden****The Australian** by Cameron Stewart

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Joe Biden has accused Donald Trump of surrendering to the coronavirus after the President's chief of staff admitted that the US is "not going to control the pandemic". The stark admission by Mark Meadows came despite Mr Trump telling his...

[VIEW PDF](#) [VIEW TEXT](#)**Italy tells bars to close early as COVID cases surge, Spain orders curfew****ABC News**

Monday 26 October 2020, 7:00am

Italy reports a new daily record of 21,273 coronavirus cases with 128 deaths, as the Government moves to tighten restrictions to bring case numbers under control.

[VIEW ONLINE](#)**Virus not in our control: Oval Office****The Sydney Morning Herald** by Farrah Tomazin

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The White House says it is "not going to control the pandemic" as it faces another staff outbreak just days from the US election. Three weeks after President Donald Trump and members of his inner circle contracted coronavirus, five staffers...

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The Age

**UN head calls COVID the 'greatest crisis of our age' as Spain enters state of emergency****The Sydney Morning Herald (SMH)** by Belén Carreño

Monday 26 October 2020, 6:53am

At a UN summit the German President warned that no country is safe from COVID-19, as until the virus is defeated people will remain prisoners within their borders.

[VIEW ONLINE](#)**SYNDICATION**[Brisbane Times](#), [The Age](#), [The Sydney Morning Herald \(SMH\)](#), [WA Today](#)**Oxford virus trial offers hope for elderly****Canberra Times**

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The COVID-19 vaccine being developed by the University of Oxford produces an immune response in both elderly and young people and adverse reactions were lower...

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Hi all,

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s 22(1)(a)(ii) Pfizer and GlaxoSmithKline have announced they will close pharmaceutical manufacturing sites in Perth and Melbourne respectively.

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Many thanks and have a good weekend.

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Health, pharmaceuticals & medical technology: Two pharmaceutical manufacturing operations have announced they will close.

National: Pfizer and GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) have announced they will close pharmaceutical manufacturing factories in Perth and Melbourne respectively. Pfizer's Perth factory will close in 2023, the company currently employs 470 people at the site which mostly manufactures cancer treatment and other products for use in Australian and New Zealand hospitals. GSK will cut 300 jobs and close its Melbourne factory which produces respiratory products at the end of 2022.

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As requested, please find attached the event brief for the Pfizer and Novavax announcements. Please let us know if you need anything further.

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**VISIT TO SCIENTIA CLINICAL RESEARCH (SYDNEY) – ANNOUNCEMENT
COVID-19 VACCINE LABORATORY**

PMO
Dr Kunkel
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Purpose: To announce the Australian Government's deals for supply of Pfizer vaccines and Novavax vaccines.

Timing and Venue: 9.00 am Thursday 5 November, Scientia Clinical Research, Sydney.

(Talking points at Attachment A; Background at Attachment B)

Key Points:

- The Australian Government has entered into two additional COVID-19 vaccine supply agreements:
 - s 34(3) Pfizer for supply of **10 million doses of the BioNTech/Pfizer vaccine** candidate, with delivery planned to start in **early 2021**, if the vaccine proves successful.

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- These agreements build on the Government's previous tranche of investment for early supply and manufacture of COVID-19 vaccines in Australia:


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- In total, Australia has now secured supply of **134.8 million doses** for four promising vaccine candidates, and will have invested over **\$3.2 billion** on vaccines.

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- There are 201 vaccine candidates in pre-clinical and clinical trials across the world. It is impossible to know which vaccine candidates will succeed, and when.
 - The COVID-19 Vaccines and Treatments for Australia – Science and Industry Technical Advisory Group recommended these four vaccine candidates for investment.
- In total, Australia has now committed over **\$4.6 billion** to COVID-19 vaccines and treatments research and development, procurement and international aid.

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Sensitivities:

- Despite the global efforts to find a vaccine, there is no guarantee that a safe and effective vaccine will be found.
- Unit prices, payments and total value under individual agreements for vaccine doses are not publicly disclosed, due to commercial confidentiality protections. As such, PM&C has provided bundled values for vaccine investment tranches instead and the total value of individual agreements should not be quoted.

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Health Branch
3 November 2020

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ATTACHMENT A

TALKING POINTS


- The Australian Government is working hard to ensure a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine can be delivered to Australians, as soon as it becomes available.
- I am pleased to announce we have now finalised two additional agreements for leading vaccine candidates worth over **\$1.5 billion**, to secure early supply of **50 million doses**:
 - **10 million doses of the Pfizer vaccine**: One of the world's most promising vaccine candidates. If proven safe and effective, delivery is expected to start in **early 2021**.

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- These particular vaccine candidates have also been endorsed by our group of experts advising on COVID-19 vaccines.
- These deals build on our previous billions in investments, for critical COVID-19 vaccines:

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- With **four agreements in place** for early access to over **134.8 million vaccine doses**, Australians will be among the first in the world to receive a safe and effective vaccine, should it receive approval from the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA).
 - Through our agreements, Australians can also take comfort that we anticipate we will have **more than enough vaccines for the entire Australian population**.


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- The Government has also been busy planning for a **rapid rollout of these vaccines** on a needs-basis, the likes of which Australia will have never seen before.
 - This is a complex exercise in which we have to plan for every possible scenario, and we will keep the public informed as we lock in details and arrangements.
 - But our frontline workers, who are at increased risk of exposure, and those who have an increased risk of developing severe disease or outcomes must be at the forefront of receiving any vaccine.

- But as I have made clear: **whoever finds the vaccine first must share it.**
 - Australia is committed to ensuring early and equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines, treatments and diagnostics for countries in our Pacific family and South East Asia.
 - To this end, Australia announced an additional **\$500 million in aid** on Saturday 31 October, on top of the \$23.2 million announced in the Budget support vaccine access and health security **for the Pacific and Southeast Asia.**

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- In total, Australia has now committed over **\$4.6 billion** to COVID-19 vaccines and treatments research and development, procurement and international aid.
 - As we can see through these additional agreements for the leading Pfizer vaccine and Novavax vaccine, and our now diverse portfolio of vaccines, our Government continues to put the health and lives of Australians and those across the world first.
 - This is why the Australian Government is continuing discussions with many parties around the world, while backing Australia's own researchers to find a vaccine.
- I wish our researchers across the world every success in their efforts to develop an innovative vaccine to fight the COVID-19 pandemic across the globe, and save countless lives. Every hurdle they jump gives us the hope we need to get through to the other side.

If asked:

Indemnities and Vaccine Safety – Why is Australia providing indemnities for COVID-19 vaccines, and does this show that COVID-19 vaccines will not be safe?

- Our first priority for any COVID-19 vaccine is that it meets the highest product safety and quality standards.
- Our Government has acknowledged the need to appropriately share risks associated with achieving early access to a successful vaccine, and has actively engaged with potential COVID-19 vaccine suppliers on this issue.
- Specific details contained in the Advanced Purchase Agreements, including those around indemnity, are not public and the Australian Government is conscious of maintaining commercial confidentiality of the arrangements.
- Before any COVID-19 vaccine is approved in Australia, it must pass the TGA's stringent assessment and approval processes. The TGA is closely monitoring trials of COVID vaccines and is engaging closely with relevant pharmaceutical companies.

Risk of Vaccine Failure – Is there a risk that our 'chosen' vaccines will fail, and what are we doing to manage this risk?

- All four of Australia's initial 'chosen' vaccines are showing very promising signs in trials.
- We are confident a COVID-19 vaccine will be found, but there are no guarantees.
- This is why we have worked hard to secure access to a diverse portfolio of vaccine candidates and continue to closely monitor the progress through clinical trials of a number of potential vaccine candidates to ensure Australians can access a vaccine, and progress the next steps in our COVID-19 Vaccine and Treatment Strategy.

Mandatory Vaccine – Will a COVID-19 vaccine be mandatory?

- A COVID-19 vaccine is the best way to protect the Australian community.
- We want to achieve the highest rate of vaccination possible, and we will look at ways to achieve this goal.
- It will not be compulsory to have the vaccine.
- All vaccines in Australia meet the highest safety, ethical and efficacy standards.

Priority Cohorts and Rollout – Who will receive the COVID-19 vaccine first in Australia?

- These considerations are now being worked through. Any decisions on rollout of a COVID-19 vaccine and related policies will be based on the advice of the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation and other experts.
- It is likely the first vaccine doses will be given to front-line health care workers, carers of vulnerable people, and if safety data supports, vulnerable people. This is consistent with WHO recommendations.
- Beyond that, we will look at sectors and groups that are critical to the functioning of Australian society and the economy.

ATTACHMENT B

BACKGROUND


New Agreements for the Pfizer Vaccine (Vaccine #3) and the Novavax Vaccine (Vaccine #4)

- These agreements forms part of the Government's **\$3.2 billion** investment for early supply and manufacture of COVID-19 vaccines in Australia.


BioNTech/Pfizer mRNA vaccine from Germany and the US (Operation Warp Speed)

- The Government has committed ^{s 34(3)} for 10 million doses of the Pfizer vaccine candidate. Delivery is expected across 2021, from early 2021.
- The Pfizer vaccine candidate is now in Phase 3 clinical ('human') trials, after showing preliminary positive results in Phases 1 and 2.
- The Government continues to monitor the vaccine's progress as trial results are assessed and it is tested in bigger groups.
- On 14 October, the Therapeutic Goods Administration granted a provisional determination to Pfizer for its vaccine candidate.
- The US, UK, Japan, Canada, Europe and New Zealand have also entered into agreements with Pfizer to purchase the vaccine, should it prove effective and gain regulatory approval.

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Other COVID-19 vaccine candidates

- As of 30 October 2020, there are more than 201 vaccine candidates in development including 45 in human clinical trials (according to the WHO COVID-19 vaccine candidate landscape).
- Given the many promising vaccine candidates emerging, the Australian Government is monitoring a range of candidates to build a diverse portfolio of COVID-19 vaccines.
- The table following provides a summary of the vaccine candidates the Department of Health is monitoring and are currently in human clinical trials.

		Evaluation Phase				Regulation
Vaccine candidate	Technical platform	Pre-clinical	1	2	3	TGA
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Moderna	mRNA					
BioNTech/Pfizer	mRNA					Provisional determination
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CureVac	mRNA					
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Imperial College London	mRNA					
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MS20-001388	PM EVENT BRIEF - 5 NOVEMBER 2020 - PFIZER AND NOVAVAX COVID-19 VACCINES ANNOUNCEMENTS	NEIL JOHN	DPG - SOCIAL POLICY DIVISION	SCOTT MORRISON
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