



**Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck**  
Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians  
Minister for Youth and Sport

Dear National Sporting Organisation Leader,

I would like to thank each of you for your engagement with the Australian Government throughout these extraordinary times as we move through the COVID-19 health crisis.

As you would be aware, the Australian Government in partnership with leading medical organisations have recently launched the COVIDSafe App to help keep you, your family and your community safe from further spread of coronavirus through early notification of possible exposure.

The Government recognises and understand the immense contribution Sport makes to the physical, psychological and emotional well-being of Australians.

All sporting organisations have a role to play in helping stopping the spread of COVID-19, so we can get sport back up and running across Australia.

I encourage your organisation to further assist by promoting the COVIDSafe App through your respective social media channels.

Critically, it would be hugely beneficial if athletes within your sport also promote the App through their social media channels.

It has been great to see so many athletes spread the message about staying safe during this crisis and it no doubt has played a part in the broader community's response to the social distancing measures that have had to be put in place to stop the spread of the virus.

Use of the COVIDSafe app will help us to move more quickly to reduce restrictions than would otherwise be possible – including the safe return to sport.

The app has been created solely as a public health initiative and will allow state and territory health officials to automate and improve what is already done manually.

It will be one of the tools we will use to help protect the health of the community by quickly alerting people who may be at risk of having contact with the virus.

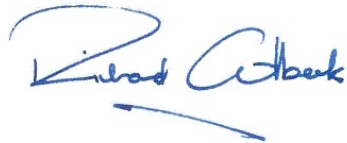
For more information on the COVIDSafe App please visit:

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covidsafe-app?fbclid=IwAR3BVFzLI3AoXHK4AYEwsw2L9SGXspXs31wlRMS38hstgSAo7SxOh64s3uw>

Suggested Social Media Message:

Join me in stopping the spread of COVID-19! Download COVIDSafe, an app from the Australian Government. #COVID19  
#coronavirusaustralia #stayhomesavelives <https://covidsafe.gov.au>

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Colbeck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Richard Colbeck