



MEMORANDUM

To: AFL Canberra Clubs

From: Firas Shahin: Community Football & Competition Manager – ACT

Date: Friday, 10 September 2021

Dear AFL Canberra Community,

Yesterday the NSW government announced their roadmap to life following lockdown. Within the announcement, many parts of regional NSW are to be out of lockdown on Saturday September 11. The new restrictions have indicated that community sport within regional NSW will not commence until a minimum of 80% double dose of vaccination has been achieved.

Regional areas such as Queanbeyan, Googong, Cooma and Batemans Bay will remain in lockdown. The NSW government have stated that each region will be required to have a case free fortnight for the chance to come out of lockdown.

The ACT government will be releasing their roadmap of life after lockdown on Tuesday September 14, however have stated a very gradual and slow recovery process will take place, with vaccination numbers to play a key part in what will be permitted.

With all the information available to AFL Canberra, it is unfortunately not possible to proceed with the 2021 AFL Canberra Season. AFL Canberra have made the difficult decision to cancel the remainder of the 2021 season.

Many factors such as the requirement of a gradual relaxing of restrictions, a likely transition period to training prior to competition play, and the NSW government stance of no community sport, the possibility of completing the 2021 season has now concluded.

AFL Canberra would like to thank all players, coaches, umpires, volunteers and partners for their commitment in 2021. An announcement on premierships, and individual award winners (Seniors/Community) will be announced in the coming weeks following further consultation with clubs.

With the government's plan to relax lockdown restrictions once the vaccination milestone is reached, we hope for a more stable year of football in 2022.

Kind Regards

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Firas Shahin

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