

Office of Local Government



COVID-19 COUNCIL UPDATE

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NSW-Victorian border closes from tomorrow

The border between NSW and Victoria will be closed from 12.01am tomorrow (July 8).

This means Victorian residents will only be able to enter NSW for very limited reasons, such as obtaining medical care or fulfilling a legal obligation.

Special conditions will also be in place for freight operations and other critical services.

The requirement for NSW residents returning from Melbourne hotspots to self-isolate for 14 days will be extended to anyone returning from Victoria.

Heavy penalties and fines apply.

Provisions will be in place for residents of declared border regions, such as Albury-Wodonga.



The Office of Local Government will continue to work with local councils to address issues in relation to the temporary closure of the border.



Applying for a border permit

From 12:01am tomorrow (July 8) anyone wishing to travel from Victoria to NSW will need to apply for a COVID-19 NSW border declaration permit.

Service NSW will administer the permits through [this page](#), with more information to be made available shortly.

All questions regarding the permits should be directed to Service NSW.

New Public Health Order to be issued

Councils are advised that an updated Public Health Order reflecting the Victorian-NSW temporary border closure will be issued shortly and available on the [Legislation NSW](#) site.



An updated guidance document for councils will be available in the [Information and Resources for Councils](#) section of the OLG website following the issuing of the new Order.



Webinars with NSW Cross-Border Commissioner James McTavish and Minister Bronnie Taylor

The Office of Local Government (OLG) today hosted webinars with NSW Cross-Border

Commissioner James McTavish and Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women Bronnie Taylor.

Commissioner McTavish updated councils on the temporary closure of the border with Victoria. The update was followed by a Question and Answer

session, including how the closure will affect cross-border workers, shopping for essential items over the border, and required isolation periods.

An updated guidance document based on the submitted questions will be available in the [Information and Resources for Councils](#) section of the OLG website following the issuing of the new Order.

The webinars are part of a series coordinated by Minister for Local Government Shelley Hancock with relevant Ministers and public officials across Government to keep mayors and general managers up to date on the latest COVID-19 information and answer their questions.

Further council webinars will be announced shortly.



Information and resources

[Guidelines for COVIDSafe workplaces](#)
Safety plans for a range of businesses and organisations can be found [here](#), and those in the sport and recreation sector [here](#).

[Holiday destination assets for download](#)

A range of information and social media assets for NSW holiday destinations are available for download [here](#).

[Job Retention Allowance payment applications](#)

Councils can still apply for the Job Retention Allowance payment of \$1,500 per fortnight, per eligible employee. Find out how in this [circular](#).

[Detailed OLG guidance to councils](#)

Councils can access detailed guidance on:

- [Local government legislative amendments](#)
- [Local government economic stimulus package](#)

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Councils can access the latest information and resources about COVID-19 on the [NSW Government](#), [NSW Health](#), [Commonwealth Government](#), [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), and [NSW Office of Local Government](#) websites.

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