

UPDATE FOLLOWING NATIONAL CABINET MEETING ON MAY 29

COVID-19 FACT SHEET

Federal, state and territory governments discuss ways to get Australia moving.

The National Cabinet met on Friday, May 29 to further discuss Australia's COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic response, easing restrictions in the coming months, helping Australians prepare to go back to work in a COVID-Safe environment and getting the economy moving again.

CURRENT SITUATION

There had been over 7100 confirmed cases in Australia and sadly 103 people had died as of May 29. There were less than 500 active cases in Australia, and over the previous week daily infection rates remained low. Testing remains high, with more than 1.37 million tests undertaken in Australia.

Australia will continue to have the right controls in place to test more people, trace those who test positive and respond to local outbreaks when they occur.

More than 6.1 million Australians have already downloaded the COVIDSafe app, which helps health authorities trace potential infections.

REVIEW OF RESTRICTIONS

The National Cabinet approved a three-step framework for a COVIDSafe Australia and agreed to a minimum of three weeks

between implementation of each step of the framework.

The number of new cases has remained low, and Australia has responded effectively to localised outbreaks. All states and territories have reduced transmission of COVID-19.

FEDERATION REFORM

The National Cabinet agreed to the formation of the National Federation Reform Council and the cessation of the COAG model.

The new National Federation Reform Council agreed to by Premiers, Chief Ministers and the Prime Minister will change the way the Commonwealth and states and territories effectively and productively work together to address new areas of reform.

The National Cabinet will be driven by an initial single agenda – to create jobs.

National Cabinet will continue to meet regularly and will be briefed directly by experts such as the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee.

During the COVID-19 period, National Cabinet will continue to meet every two weeks.

In the future, these meetings will take place once a month.

Fast facts...

- The number of new cases of COVID-19 remains low. All states and territories have reduced transmission of COVID-19.
- More than 6.1 million Australians have already downloaded the COVIDSafe app, but still more are needed.
- A three-step framework for a COVIDSafe Australia has been approved.
- The National Cabinet has agreed to the formation of the National Federation Reform Council and the cessation of the COAG model.