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### COVID-19 Update

Dear Hockey Players/ Associations,

A decision has been made to cancel the remaining two NSW Men's Masters Hockey Championships because of the COVID19 virus. This is unfortunate but very necessary to protect all communities and especially regional communities.

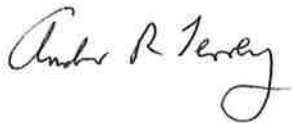
The current advice is that the virus is currently predominate in the major cities and in an effort to prevent rapid transmission to regional areas, only absolute necessary travel to regions in the State, outside of the metropolitan area, should occur.

Health authorities have noted that if the virus spreads to regional areas quickly and peaks at roughly the same time as in the city, there will simply not be the health resources regionally to cope. Therefore, the advice is that the only way to reduce the impact is to slow down transmission by isolating communities as much as possible.

The Hockey community can contribute to reducing the spread by having a year off and staying at home. We will bounce back next year.

It is imperative that every hockey player looks after their community, their families and themselves.

Yours Sincerely



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