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Via email: ccv@ccv.net.au

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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your letter dated 20 September 2020 regarding easing restrictions on Community Clubs.

With COVID-19 cases stabilising the State Government needs to urgently amend their roadmap to enable Community Clubs across Victoria to reopen safely.

Community Clubs have the ability to reopen with appropriate safety protocols and in compliance with public health considerations. The State Government has an obligation to support this vital industry which provides support to local communities both economically and socially.

I am a strong supporter of Community Clubs and acknowledge the vital contribution they make to communities in the form of employment, supply chain purchases, and as places of social cohesiveness, physical and psychological wellbeing.

I have recently written to both the Premier and the Treasurer to call on the State Government to amend current inequities within the roadmap to allow one of my local community clubs the Ararat RSL to reopen. The issues faced by the Ararat RSL are of course similar to those faced by many clubs, and I hope their resolution will bring resolution for all.

I appreciate your brief on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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