

20 March 2021

Dear Mr Pinder

Ref: C-ECTF-21/3105 Correspondence from the COVID-19 Vaccination Taskforce

Thank you for your letter dated 24 February 2021 to Professor Paul Kelly, Chief Medical Officer Parliament House regarding prioritising funeral front-line staff as priority personnel to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. We appreciate you forwarding this letter to the Honourable Yvette D'Ath MP, Minister for Health and Ambulance Services. Apologies for the delay in responding.

First, we would like to acknowledge and express our appreciation for the vital role members of the Australian Funeral Directors Association play in the community, particularly given the unprecedented challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

There is a significant demand for safe and effective vaccines to end the COVID-19 pandemic. The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) has advised the Australian Government which groups should be prioritised for the first doses of the COVID-19 vaccines in Australia. Priority groups have been identified by considering current health, medical and epidemiological evidence on who would be most affected if they contracted COVID-19.

Please be assured, there are no plans to put any restrictions on visitation to Residential Aged Care Facilities based on COVID-19 vaccination status in the near future.

Thank you for your commitment to keeping vulnerable Queenslanders safe.

Yi for the COVID-19 Vaccination Taskforce



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