



**Government
of South Australia**

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Mr Adrian Barrett
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Dear Mr Barrett and Mr Gilson

Thank you for your letter dated 22 July 2021, regarding the reinstatement of funerals in South Australia during Level 5 lockdown restrictions. I apologise for the delay in responding.

Funerals are classified as 'private activities' under the *Emergency Management (Activities-General) (COVID-19) Directions*, and as such, are not permitted to be held under Level 5 lockdown restrictions.

I acknowledge this must be difficult for people who have lost a loved one. However, the strict restrictions that have been imposed when there has been an outbreak of COVID-19 in South Australia has allowed those restrictions to be eased after a short period of time.

Please be assured that authorities in South Australia are very mindful of the social and emotional impact of restrictions and only seek to impose them when absolutely necessary and ease them as soon possible when safe to do so.

I appreciate the cooperation of the funeral industry in complying with these requirements and helping to keep our community safe.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Stephen Wade'.

Stephen Wade
Minister for Health and Wellbeing

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