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## **VTA - NSW and SA Border Crossing Update**

The VTA appreciates the enormous support we have received from members as we work hard to resolve border crossing issues with South Australia and New South Wales.

There have been many meetings, conversations and correspondence to governments and jurisdictions to elevate the issues with the changes to border crossing regulations, including the unworkable seven-day COVID testing requirement for all cross-border drivers.

We have had some success with NSW now making change to their directive and making the seven-day testing optional and NOT mandatory. There is still some work to be done to ensure that common sense prevails.

Please refer to the notice [here](#).

South Australian authorities has not yet acknowledged the depth of the issue but there is some good work being done to have the issue formally addressed. South Australian Police are still insisting on drivers being tested every seven days. While we cannot meet this expectation through Victorian testing resources it is still very difficult to be tested in South Australia.

To assist drivers at the SA border the VTA has formulated a [letter](#) that will assist the driver when stopped. Rather than have the driver try to explain and argue with the SAPO officer, presentation of the attached letter may take out some of the frustration. It will by no means guarantee any consideration but may give the driver some comfort.

Please keep the VTA informed of any adverse action at the Borders. We will continue to keep you informed as the issue continues to be resolved.