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Dear Dr Young,

For your approval and e-signature, please see attached letter and table regarding exemptions for NRL games to proceed in South East Queensland on 1—2 August 2021.

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Rachel

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Appendix 1

Table of exemptions from the Public Health Directions for National Rugby League matches in South East Queensland on 1-2 August 2021

Exemptions

I, Dr Jeannette Young, Queensland Chief Health Officer, grant the following exemptions from the Public Health Directions to National Rugby League (NRL). These exemptions only apply to the extent that a person is operating in their capacity as part of the games to be held in South East Queensland on 1-2 August 2021. If a person is undertaking normal activities in daily life, then they must comply with the requirements of the Public Health Directions.

Direction	Requirement	Exemption
<i>Restrictions for Locked Downs Areas (South-East Queensland) Direction or its successor</i>	<p>Paragraph 29 – A person who owns, controls or operates a restricted business, activity or undertaking in a locked down area including operating at a private residence, or in a public space, must not operate the business, unless an exception is specified in column 2 of Schedule 3.</p> <p>Paragraph 36 – The Chief Health Officer may give an exemption from a requirement under Part 5 where it has been applied for by an association or representative body on behalf of its members if extreme exceptional circumstances exist:</p> <p>Paragraph 37 – An exemption may be given on conditions and if so, the person given the exemption must comply with the conditions.</p>	<p>The NRL is permitted to deliver matches in South-East Queensland locked down areas on 1-2 August 2021.</p> <p>The exemption is granted with the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implement and comply with the bio-security strategy for match day operations and strongly reinforce to all persons of the obligations within this protocol. 2. For absolute clarity this approval permits the NRL players, coaching staff and match day delivery staff outlined within the plan to carry out their responsibilities during this permitted time as detailed within the plan. 3. That all players, coaching staff and match day delivery staff abide by the highest-level NRL Apollo Protocols (Level 4 - stay-at-home isolation protocols). 4. That all transportation of players, coaching staff and match day delivery staff within Queensland is to be undertaken using an endorsed transport provider. 5. If any NRL Players, coaching staff and match day delivery staff develop symptoms related to COVID-19, they must immediately isolate until they receive a negative COVID-19 test result.

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<p><i>Restrictions for Locked Downs Areas (South-East Queensland) Direction or its successor</i></p>	<p>Paragraph 6 – A person mentioned in paragraph 5 must not leave their principal place of residence from the time this Direction commences except for, and only to the extent reasonably necessary to accomplish, the permitted purposes listed at 6a-q.</p> <p>Paragraph 35 - The Chief Health Officer, Deputy Chief Health Officer or their delegate may give a person or class of persons an exemption from a requirement of this Direction if extreme exceptional circumstances exist, except from a requirement under Part 5.</p> <p>Part 37 - An exemption may be given on conditions and if so, the person given the exemption must comply with the conditions.</p>	<p>Persons listed in Appendix A of the NRL Proposed Match Day Operations – 1 & 2 August 2021 is exempt from the requirements of Paragraph 6, for the purposes of delivery matches in South East Queensland locked down areas on 1-2 August 2021.</p> <p>The exemption is granted on the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All persons must comply with the NRL Proposed Match Day Operations – 1 & 2 August 2021 2. All persons must comply with the Approval Letter dated 31 July 2021.

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File Ref: C-ECTF-21/12047

Mr Andrew Abdo
Chief Executive Officer
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Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Abdo

I write in response to your request for approval of the National Rugby League (NRL) comprehensive bio-security strategy to allow the continued delivery of matches in South East Queensland on 1 & 2 August during the recently announced South East Queensland lockdown that came into effect at 4pm 31 July 2021.

As you are aware, Queensland Government is currently managing an outbreak of the more transmissible COVID-19 Delta variant. The risk from this current outbreak is increasing significantly.

In order to facilitate the continuation of the NRL 2021 season I am approving exemptions from the *Restriction of Locked Down Areas (South-East Queensland) Direction*, as outlined in the attached table, to allow matches to proceed in South-East Queensland on 1-2 August 2021. I have also approved exemptions to allow persons listed at Appendix 1 of the NRL Proposed Match Day Operations – 1 & 2 August 2021, and currently in the locked down areas, to participate in the delivery of these matches.

These exemptions are being granted on the basis that there are extreme exceptional circumstances, namely:

- The changing situation with COVID-19 has meant that the declaration of lockdown areas in 11 South-East Queensland Local Government Areas from 4pm 31 July 2021 has a significant impact on the progression of the 2021 season.
- The persons participating in the delivery of matches in South-East Queensland have been operating under existing NRL 2021 Season Apollo Protocols mitigating the public health risk to the community of undertaking activities during the lockdown period.
- Sport is vital to the mental health and wellbeing of the Queensland and Australian community, particularly as we continue to be in the midst of responding to the pandemic.
- Queensland is an appropriate location for continuation of the season, particularly given the experience in managing hubs and COVID-safe measures during the 2020 season.

- The NRL will operate under the Match Day Operations – 1 & 2 August 2021 which are aimed at managing the risk of the spread of infection, including providing for increased infection prevention and control measures and surveillance testing.
- Given the ongoing uncertainty of the situation, permitting games to continue in South East Queensland is an appropriate balance between continuing the NRL 2021 Season and managing the risk to the community during the lockdown period.

In order to facilitate these exemptions, I have assessed and approve the NRL Proposed Match Day Operations – 1 & 2 August 2021 subject to the following conditions,

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Should you require any further information in relation to this matter, please contact Ms Kate Coehn, Executive Director, COVID-19 Compliance, on telephone (07) [REDACTED] or via email at [REDACTED].

Thank you for continuing to take your responsibilities in managing COVID-19 risks to the NRL and the Queensland community seriously and I trust that I will not have to discuss any breaches to this exemption granted.

Yours sincerely

Dr Jeannette Young PSM
Queensland Chief Health Officer
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Hi Rachel

Attached version of letter from Kate at 9.46pm has been formatted ready for your progression to CHO with attachment.

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Good morning Dr Young
 Following on from below email trail, further letter to NRL approving additional personnel attached for your review and approval.
 Letter drafted by Rachel Hoffman and cleared through Kate Coehn (email attached).
 Do you approve the use of your e-signature?
 Thank you.
 Kind regards

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Mr Andrew Abdo
Chief Executive Officer
National Rugby League Ltd
Rugby League Central, Driver Ave
MOORE PARK NSW 2021

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Abdo

Further to my earlier letter today, 1 August 2021, regarding exemptions from the *Restriction of Locked Down Areas (South-East Queensland) Direction* to allow matches to proceed in accordance with the NRL Proposed Match Day Operations – 1 & 2 August 2021, I am advised that additional personnel, not listed in Appendix A of the Match Day Operations, have been identified as necessary to deliver the scheduled matches.

I understand that these additional personnel are four journalists and two photographers.

Based on the information provided, I am approving the same exemptions and conditions for these personnel as those in my earlier letter of 1 August 2021.

I can also confirm that under the *Restriction of Locked Down Areas (South-East Queensland) Direction* NRL training may occur without spectators, with physical distancing observed to the extent possible. Any training must occur in accordance with approved NRL protocols.

Please note that this approval may be revoked or varied if Queensland, and/or Australia experiences an increasing number of COVID-19 cases, there is an outbreak(s) of COVID-19 or further COVID-19 hotspots are declared.

Should you require any further information in relation to this matter, please contact Ms Kate Coehn, Executive Director, COVID-19 Compliance, on telephone (07) [REDACTED] or via email at [REDACTED]

Thank you for continuing to take your responsibilities in managing COVID-19 risks to the NRL and the Queensland community seriously and I trust that I will not have to discuss any breaches to this exemption granted.

Yours sincerely

Dr Jeannette Young PSM
Queensland Chief Health Officer
Deputy Director-General
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Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Abdo

I write in response to your request for approval of the National Rugby League (NRL) comprehensive bio-security strategy to allow the continued delivery of matches in the South East Queensland to continue on 1 and 2 August 2021 during the recently announced South East Queensland lockdown that came into effect at 4 pm on 31 July 2021.

As you are aware, the Queensland Government is currently managing an outbreak of the more transmissible COVID-19 Delta variant. The risk from this current outbreak is increasing significantly.

In order to facilitate the continuation of the NRL 2021 season, I have assessed and approved an exemption from the Restriction for Lockdown Areas (South East Queensland) Public Health Direction subject to the following conditions:

1. Implement and comply with the bio-security strategy for match day operations and strongly reinforce to all persons of the obligations within this protocol.
2. For absolute clarity this approval permits the NRL players, coaching staff and match day delivery staff outlined within the plan to carry out their responsibilities during this permitted time as detailed within the plan.
3. That all players, coaching staff and match day delivery staff abide by the highest-level NRL Apollo Protocols (Level 4 - stay-at-home isolation protocols).
4. That all transportation of players, coaching staff and match day delivery staff within Queensland is to be undertaken using an endorsed transport provider.
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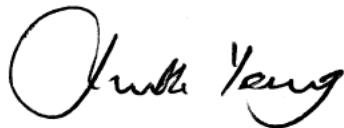
8. All NRL players, coaching staff and match day officials are to continue to monitor the Queensland exposure venue sites daily and if they have identified that have been at a site at the day and time listed they are to follow the instructions provided <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/contact-tracing>.

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Yours sincerely



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Table of exemptions from the Public Health Directions for National Rugby League matches in South East Queensland on 1-2 August 2021

Exemptions

I, Dr Jeannette Young, Queensland Chief Health Officer, grant the following exemptions from the Public Health Directions to National Rugby League (NRL). These exemptions only apply to the extent that a person is operating in their capacity as part of the games to be held in South East Queensland on 1-2 August 2021. If a person is undertaking normal activities in daily life, then they must comply with the requirements of the Public Health Directions.

Direction	Requirement	Exemption
<p><i>Restrictions for Locked Downs Areas (South-East Queensland) Direction or its successor</i></p>	<p>Paragraph 29 – A person who owns, controls or operates a <i>restricted business, activity or undertaking in a locked down area</i> including operating at a private residence, or in a public space, must not operate the business, unless an exception is specified in column 2 of Schedule 3.</p> <p>Paragraph 36 – The Chief Health Officer may give an exemption from a requirement under Part 5 where it has been applied for by an association or representative body on behalf of its members if extreme exceptional circumstances exist:</p> <p>Paragraph 37 – An exemption may be given on conditions and if so, the person given the exemption must comply with the conditions.</p>	<p>The NRL is permitted to deliver matches in South-East Queensland locked down areas on 1-2 August 2021.</p> <p>The exemption is granted with the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implement and comply with the bio-security strategy for match day operations and strongly reinforce to all persons of the obligations within this protocol. 2. For absolute clarity this approval permits the NRL players, coaching staff and match day delivery staff outlined within the plan to carry out their responsibilities during this permitted time as detailed within the plan. 3. That all players, coaching staff and match day delivery staff abide by the highest-level NRL Apollo Protocols (Level 4 - stay-at-home isolation protocols). 4. That all transportation of players, coaching staff and match day delivery staff within Queensland is to be undertaken using an endorsed transport provider. 5. If any NRL Players, coaching staff and match day delivery staff develop symptoms related to COVID-19, they must immediately isolate until they receive a negative COVID-19 test result.

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