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TO: All Clubs
FROM: Damien Bresic
DATE: 7th August
SUBJECT: Border Closure- Update

Dear Colleagues,

Due to the escalation in COVID-19 cases in metropolitan Sydney and surrounding areas the QLD government has re-enforced stricter border crossing protocols. In essence the border has been closed for any 'non-essential' travel, however the Queensland State Government have outlined a "bubble" which is defined by postcode where they have deemed it safe to travel between and as such border passes will be issued to residents in the Gold Coast and Tweed Shires who will be permitted to travel to and from the "bubble".

We have been in constant contact with the State Government and Football Queensland and are pleased to announce that as a result of the above instructions our competition will resume as normal. The relevant authorities have deemed it safe to travel between the two regions and therefore our competition will not be effected.

Every member crossing into Queensland, or a person leaving Queensland and entering the Tweed Area will be required to obtain a "X Pass" to cross the border and return. You can obtain these passes by following the prompts to this link- <https://www.qld.gov.au/border-pass>

Although the passes can be obtained now, the following outcomes have been reached in order to ensure this process is completed as smoothly as possible;

- Tonight's fixtures (Friday 7th August) will go ahead as scheduled throughout the entire draw
- Tomorrow's Junior Fixtures (Saturday 8th August) which involve QLD v NSW clubs (both home and away) will be POSTPONED and rescheduled to Sunday the 23rd of August, 2020 at the same venue. Times will be confirmed depending on field availability. (this is relevant for mini roos and junior competition teams.) – this will allow parents time to organize their border pass.
- All other junior fixture (incl mini roos) will proceed as scheduled.
- Senior CL1 fixtures involving NSW clubs will go proceed as scheduled.

With the short notice for people to obtain passes, Football Gold Coast wants to ensure that all members are up to date and equipped to travel across the border.

Therefore, from Monday the 9th of August, 2020 **ALL** fixtures (seniors and juniors) will remain as scheduled throughout all competitions.

We thank you for your patience during this time and should you require any more information or have any concerns please contact the office directly.