

BRIEFING NOTE

To: The Hon Nola Marino MP and DITRDC
From: RDA Murray NSW
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Murray NSW-VIC Border Closure practical support and connection to NSW Gov primary workload with communication and answering calls such as “Route planning over-size harvest equipment to cross border bridges that are closed but widest?” Contractor heading to Moree from southern Mallee.

RDA Murray facilitating collaborative Joint Statement of Border Closure Impacts and Recommendations for release Thursday afternoon.

Calling for Aged Care support for preparedness NOW. Talking to Facility operators to work together and assist each other along the border

Supporting the Albury-Wodonga Regional Deal practically with Coordinator recruitment and Taskforce activity this week

RDA Murray Chair, Mary Hoodless continuing to participate an extremely high workload, representing the region in local, state and federal COVID-19, economic development and Bushfire Response meetings this week.

Check in with cross border Disability services identified some disruptions to service provision at various degrees of being resolved. Collecting more details and connecting advocates to VIC agencies.

Working to contact Temporary VISA holder community who continue ‘under the radar’. Community perception is that Visa conditions require self-sufficiency financially so Visa holders reluctant to come forward and ask for assistance. DoHA Immigration supporting “finding and contacting migrants.

Facilitating a project connecting key stakeholders and potential investors/funders to connect Specialist Schools in Sydney with Regional High schools and CSU Researchers to develop online learning materials and curriculum and access shared expert support eg, ESL

Community sentiment changed from stoic resignation to angry and disenfranchised last Friday with additional NSW Gov announcements creating a new Border Region of postcodes and adding to ever increasingly complicated rules and pages and pages of options and instructions.

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