

Dear Volunteers, Donors and Clients of Tassie Face Mask Project

Re: [Community Petition](#) and Open Letters

I am writing to you on behalf of the Covid-19 Community Action Group. This is a group we started to assist with running community face mask projects, including Tassie Face Mask Project and Masks for Mates with which you have already had some contact.

Our wonderful volunteers have been able to supply over 6500 masks in Tasmania and through Masks for Mates, over 30,000 cloth items free to hospitals, clinics, police, disability and aged care providers, Meals on Wheels and other community volunteer groups Australia wide.

However, now that lockdown is being eased, our other projects are a higher priority. Along with providing much of the administration for Tassie Face Mask Project, the Covid-19 Community Action Group also:

1. Educates Australian political, business and community leaders on how the use of face masks in public places will help us resume a more normal lifestyle. In order to achieve this, we run another website which hosts a collated and annotated collection of reference papers at <https://www.masksforaussies.com/>
1. Administers an interactive map that allows local communities to access volunteers and/or organisations making masks, donating PPE, fabric or covid-19 specific community services at <https://maps.masksforaussies.com/>
1. Hosts open letters and a [community petition](#) that call on the Federal Government and State and Territory Governments to support the use of cloth face masks in public and on public transport during the Covid-19 Pandemic. The open letters include:

<https://www.masksforaussies.com/open-letter-from-doctors>

<https://www.masksforaussies.com/open-letter-from-nurses>

<https://www.masksforaussies.com/open-letter-from-dentists>

<https://www.masksforaussies.com/open-letter-from-academics-and-researchers>

<https://www.masksforaussies.com/open-letter-from-allied-health-professionals>

As movement restrictions are lifted, we feel we need to take immediate action to encourage governments, and business and other leaders, to recommend that the public wear cloth face masks when they are in places where social distancing is not possible, e.g. on public transport.

Because you have been involved with our project Tassie Face Mask Project, we would like to invite you to share our community [petition](#) and the relevant Open Letter with healthcare professionals and academics.

If you are active within another sector / union / association and would like us to host a similar open letter, please let us know. We will be happy to assist in writing and hosting a letter on your behalf.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email. If you have any questions, please feel free to ring me on 0448 989 440.

Best Regards

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Co-ordinator

Petition for the support of face masks in the community and on public transport. Please assist us in signing and sharing this where you can.

<https://www.change.org/p/scott-morrison-i-protect-you-and-you-protect-me-masksforaussies>