Insert Date

**URGENT**

[NAME of LOCAL MEMBER]
Member for [Name of Electorate]

By Email: [INSERT]

Dear [NAME],

**Re: Exemptions from Public Health Orders for the Sport of Sailing**

I am writing to you in relation to an urgent matter and in your capacity as the Member for [AREA]. I am a resident of [SUBURB].

I am respectfully requesting that you advocate on behalf of the local sailing community in relation to the proposed June 22 COVID-19 easing restrictions to make them workable and practical for the local community.

Specifically, I would be very grateful if you are please able to advocate for the following exemptions to be added to the proposed June 22 COVID-19 easing restrictions:

* Competition be allowed
* Exemption from the 4m2 per person rule when participating in sailing activities;

**Proposed solution**: Replace with “*Comply with 4m2 per person where practically possible*”

* Exemption from 1.5m rule when participating in sailing activities;

**Proposed solution**: Replace with “*Maintain 1.5m physical distance where practically possible*”

* Exemption from the 10-person limit;
	+ 1. **Proposed solution**: Permit sailing vessels to be manned with crew numbers to facilitate their safe operation

Australian Sailing wrote to Mr Peter Betson, Head of Sport, Recreation & Racing at the Victorian Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions on 29 May 2020 requesting that these specific exemptions be added to the 22 June easing restrictions. A copy of this letter is attached for your reference.

Yours sincerely,

**[INSERT NAME]**

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