

# MEDIA RELEASE

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In my nearly 10 years on Council, this has proved to be the most challenging time for the City of Melbourne. This is especially true for the residents and businesses of Melbourne who have suffered disproportionately in the present crisis.

While recognising Sunday's easing of some restrictions, the Morgan-Watts' team does not believe that they have gone far enough. As part of the package of reforms supported by the Morgan-Watts Team, we are calling upon the Victorian Government to:

- Immediately move the City of Melbourne to COVID Stage 2
- End the 5-kilometre lock down

## QUOTES

*Quotes attributable to Dr Jackie Watts OAM, Councillor City of Melbourne*

The 5-kilometre lock down is damaging the City of Melbourne.

The City of Melbourne is not just its immediate suburbs or a 5-kilometre circle. As the capital city, it serves all of metropolitan Melbourne and Victoria. For example, 75% of the Queen Victoria Market's customers come from outside the 5-kilometre limit and the QVM now at risk of failing, the Market's long-term viability is at stake.

The State Government, as a matter of urgency, should immediately remove this unreasonable and arbitrary constraint on the movement of people seeking essential food shopping at Queen Victoria Market – and elsewhere for that matter.

Cancelling curfews is merely tinkering. Meaningful steps need to be taken to begin Melbourne's climb back to prosperity.

*Quote attributable to Gary Morgan, Lord Mayor Candidate*

Subject to appropriate safeguards, our policies support all CBD shops, restaurants, cafes, and hotels, being immediately opened up for trade, or Melbourne runs the risk of them never opening again and the consequential failure of Melbourne as the country's leading and most liveable city.'

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