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### **NSW EASES RESTRICTIONS FOR BORDER RESIDENTS**

Restrictions on the NSW/Victorian border will be eased from today to allow residents to move freely within the border region.

Health Minister Brad Hazzard said the changes follow an easing of restrictions in regional Victoria recently announced by the Victorian Government.

“I want to thank the border communities for their patience – we are able to ease restrictions on the border given the reduced risk of COVID-19 transmission in regional Victoria,” Mr Hazzard said.

Mr Hazzard said under the changes introduced from today, the border region will also be expanded to include some areas around Pleasant Hills, Lockhart, Benalla, Bright and Mount Beauty.

“Any person with an existing border region permit will be able to take advantage of these changes, which we hope will make day to day life a lot easier for border communities,” Mr Hazzard said.

“NSW/Victoria border communities have been extremely resilient during this one-in-100 year pandemic as we continue to fight the challenges of COVID-19.”

Member for Albury Justin Clancy said communities on both sides of the Murray have been the frontline to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

“As conditions improve in Victoria, these communities are most deserving of not just respite, but recovery. The easing of these restrictions is a welcome part of that,” Mr Clancy said.

“Having been separated for a number of weeks now, as communities that straddle the mighty Murray, we can talk of moving forward together.”

Victorian residents will no longer be obliged to comply with the stay-at-home directions imposed in regional Victoria while in NSW or be restricted to entering NSW for a “permitted purpose”.

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