

1 April 2020



Dear Members,

I write to you on 1 April 2020, a date that should, under normal circumstances, be one of the busiest times of the year with many Community Clubs and Associations ramping up their seasons and the NPL competitions already in full swing. Approximately 250,000 players, coaches and referees across our footprint would normally be training and enjoying their football this weekend. Instead, we are faced with most challenging situation we have ever confronted.

As such, and just as many other businesses, organisations and indeed our own Member Associations and Clubs have, Football NSW has taken the difficult decision to implement a significant workforce restructure in the face of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. This follows on from a similar decision by Football Federation Australia.

This restructure, affecting all Football NSW staff, includes the standing down of the majority of employees, and the reduction of salaries of those remaining, from close of business on Friday, 3 April 2020.

It is incredibly distressing for all of the hard-working staff at Football NSW to be informed of the decision. Our staff are incredibly passionate about the game we all love and they often go above and beyond to deliver programs that benefit our entire football community.

Football NSW will constantly review its position to maintain ongoing support for our Associations and Clubs, and the overall football community, during this challenging period. We will be sharing a key contacts list with you later this week.

As challenging as this situation is, I am heartened by the support the football community has shown to each other. It is important that we continue to look out for each other during these difficult times and pull together. We know how important it will be for communities that football can be played as soon as possible.

I wish you and those close to you well and that you stay safe and healthy.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stuart Hodge".

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