

Member Call to Action

Our members are telling us that you are confused about whether you are allowed to practice.

MA is in contact with all Commonwealth, State and Territory Health and Small Business Ministers and Offices to clarify whether myotherapists are currently permitted to practice face-to-face during the Coronavirus restrictions.

To assist our members navigate the current environment, we have created this document [\[link\]](#) that summarises MA's understanding of the current Australian government approaches to face-to-face myotherapy.

That leaves a great deal of frustration and confusion for Qld and a couple of other States that are yet to provide us with clear advice, like NSW, Vic and the NT have.

Right now, MA is talking to all States and Territories, with some notable exceptions. In a victory for common sense, NSW, Vic and the NT have listened to advocacy from MA and other associations and changed their approaches to clearly allow myotherapy, remedial massage and other allied health to continue to treat patients.. Queensland is proving very difficult to engage with.

What can I do to help?

If you are frustrated with the mixed messages coming from your government for healthcare professionals, the best way to ensure that your State or Territory government listens to you is for you and your patients to contact them, and urge them to ensure continued access for patients to myotherapy at this crucial time.

This table is designed to help you contact your local government and provide them with information that will help them decide to clearly identify myotherapy as a permitted, essential healthcare service during the Covid-19 pandemic.

To help guide you, please include the following information in your letter to your government:

- how myotherapy is helping/has helped;
- doctor/surgeon's referral (where appropriate);
- what else was attempted for relief; and
- what would happen if the person could not access myotherapy (eg increased visits to hospital/specialist/GP).

Please feel free to forward us a copy of your letter at [\[link\]](#)

State/ Territory	Who to Contact?	MA's letter to your State/Territory	Sample Letter <small>Scroll to bottom of webpage from link</small>
ACT	Minister for Health stephen-smith@act.gov.au Minister for Small Business ramsay@act.gov.au Your local representatives ACT	[link]	[link]
NSW	All good – no need to contact your politicians		
Qld	If your members need specific information they can contact their local Primary Healthcare Network or alternatively their local public health unit for assistance- https://www.health.qld.gov.au/system-governance/contact-us/contact/public-health-units	[link]	[link]

	<p>If you wish to provide feedback and offer assistance relating to the Queensland government's approach to essential business and social distancing in relation to your industry contact the Department of Premier and Cabinet: https://www.premiers.qld.gov.au/about-us/contact-us.aspx</p> <p>Minister for Health health@ministerial.qld.gov.au Minister for Small Business https://cabinet.qld.gov.au/tools/contactminister.aspx?ministerid=11 Your local representatives Qld</p>		
SA	<p>Minister for Health ministerforhealth@sa.gov.au Your local representatives SA</p>	[link]	[link]
Tas	<p>Minister for Health and Small Business sarah.courtney@parliament.tas.gov.au Your local representatives Tas</p>	[link]	[link]
Vic/NT	All good – no need to contact your politicians		
WA	All good – no need to contact your politicians		