



**The Hon Michael McCormack MP**

**Deputy Prime Minister  
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Dear Mr Zalai

Thank you for your letter of 16 February 2021 regarding COVID-19 vaccination access for Australian supply chain industry workers.

The Australian Government recognises the significant role supply chain workers have played in keeping our imports and exports moving during the COVID-19 pandemic. The work of the Australian Logistics Council, the Freight and Trade Alliance, and the Australian Peak Shippers Association has been vital in supporting transport businesses to adapt their operations and continue to facilitate trade during this time.

The COVID-19 vaccination rollout is being managed by the Commonwealth Department of Health and their state and territory counterparts. I understand the Minister for Health, the Hon Greg Hunt MP, will respond separately to the matters you raise regarding vaccination access for supply chain workers, as this sits within his portfolio.

I have written in similar terms to Mr Coningham.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention and I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

  
Michael McCormack

cc The Hon Greg Hunt MP, Minister for Health and Aged Care