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QUEENSLAND FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS COULD RESUME FROM JULY 2020

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Following the statement by Football Federation Australia (FFA) today that, as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, the current suspension of all sanctioned grassroots football competitions and associated training will continue and be reassessed by 31 May 2020, Football Queensland (FQ) has determined to maintain the suspension in Queensland through to 30 June 2020.

FQ President Ben Richardson said, "The health and wellbeing of our football family and all Queenslanders continue to be our first priority.

"There are a range of local factors to be considered by each Member Federation in determining any commencement of competitions across the state and will be subject to the latest government and medical advice available in each region."

FQ Chief Executive Robert Cavallucci said, "With this announcement today we can work towards the establishment of a sanctioned playing window alongside the format and delivery of competitions to commence in Queensland from July 2020, reassuring clubs of our determination to deliver a competition this season.

"No football activities will take place in Queensland prior to 30 June however today's announcement will now enable clubs to progress towards a return to football when the sanctioned competition window opens, and the proposed format of competitions are announced from 1 July to 30 November.

"As part of our strategic planning for recovery, FQ has been undertaking a detailed and comprehensive review of statewide football competitions including league structures for 2021 and beyond. We are continuing to look closely at the structure and delivery of football operations across the state and reviewing our governance model.

"We will use this temporary suspension period as an opportunity to consult with our football community so the game can come back in a stronger position."

FQ will continue to provide regular updates as new information becomes available.

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