

**ROBBIE KATTER**

Member for Traeger



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### COMMUNITY CALL-OUT TO SUPPORT ALL THROUGH CRISIS

Katter's Australian Party (KAP) leader and Traeger MP Robbie Katter has called on local communities across Traeger to band together as the nation continues to navigate the changes brought on by the escalating COVID-19 crisis.

Mr Katter said while some Traeger communities were in locally-enforced lockdowns, including Burke and Mornington Shires, the rest of region was trying to proceed with 'business as usual' in line with new health and social distancing guidelines.

He said the new rules had left many vulnerable people, like the elderly, unwell and those undertaking self-isolation, in uncertain situations and needing extra support.

The Traeger electorate offices are now working to co-ordinate those in need with those willing to help, and is encouraging people to get in touch.

"My offices have been receiving quite a few calls from people needing help and support during these tough times as we all band together against the COVID-19 crisis," Mr Katter said.

"We would like to do what we can to make sure no one is forgotten during this unprecedented event, so we are now putting a call out to the community.

"If you are frail, elderly, unwell and at home, in quarantine and at home or a high-risk person who needs some help at the moment – please get in touch," he said.

"For those who are in remote or rural towns and are struggling to get access to their usual supplies, you can also give us a call and we will try our best to link you up with help."

Mr Katter has also asked for any volunteers who are willing and able to offer support to reach out.

You can call 07 4730 1100 (Mount Isa) or 07 4787 2139 (Charters Towers) or email [traeger@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:traeger@parliament.qld.gov.au).

"We have already spoken to some very kind and generous local community groups in Mount Isa and Charters Towers who have offered their volunteers' time so we are ready to go," Mr Katter said.

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As of late Friday, March 20, there are still no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Traeger electorate.

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