



Ingleburn, 30th April 2020

**The Hon Scott Morrison MP
Prime Minister**

Dear Prime Minister,

As one of the leaders of the Polish community in Australia, I would like to express to you my support for the Government's actions during this difficult time that we are experiencing at present.

Struggles with Covid-19 have forced each and every one of us to face and overcome individual challenges. During our daily struggles, each of us has had to make wise decisions, taking into consideration the wellbeing of each person we come across, as well as of the whole nation. However, in fighting the virus, we have become united as a nation - abandoning differences in political orientation, religion, social status or ethnicity.

The imposing of social distancing rules has led to the subsequent closure of places of worship. Catholics, alongside members of other religious groups, accepted such a decision with understanding. As such, today, as the government under your leadership begins to lift some of these restrictions, we ask that you also consider easing some of the bans on participation in religious celebrations.

In the name of the Federation of Polish Organizations in New South Wales, we ask that you consider the easing the ban on gatherings in churches, by, for example, implementing the solution adopted in Poland of 1 person per 15 square metres.

We need to come out of this pandemic wiser, and in solidarity with those who most need our help. I believe that cultivating faith not only develops our spirituality, but also enables us to face the challenges placed before us by this pandemic.

In the name of Poles living in New South Wales, I wish you and members of your Cabinet health and strength in these difficult times.

Best regards

Adam Gajkowski

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Premier of New South Wales Gladys Berejiklian

Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs Alan Tudge