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BACKING THE GOVERNMENT'S ADVICE ON AUCTIONS AND OPEN HOUSES

Yesterday's statement from the REIA's president Adrian Kelly regarding the conduct of auctions and open houses by real estate agents, was followed by the Prime Ministers statement to cancel the conduct of public auctions and open houses after last night's cabinet meeting.

"I acknowledge the Prime Minister's decision as it was what we were calling for yesterday," said Mr Kelly.

"We are aware and supportive of what the Government is doing to combat the Coronavirus."

Mr Kelly said it wasn't a shut down of the real estate industry.

"While it is not business as usual, there are opportunities for any real estate agent who looks for them, there are still ways of conducting inspections and to auction property" said Mr Kelly

"Innovative and flexible agents should make better use of technology," said Mr Kelly.

"The REIA and individual institutes are going to be providing very strong leadership during this time and information will be measured, factual and direct.

"This is the time for the industry to step up and respond to what is happening.

"We are fortunate as we are not in lock down like New Zealand.

"We need as an industry to play our part in stopping the spread of this virus.

"If there are agents not receiving communications from their real estate institutes, it is their responsibility to get in contact."

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The Real Estate Institute of Australia (REIA) is the national professional association for real estate agents in Australia.

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