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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **SHOPPING CENTRES WILLING AND ABLE TO SUPPORT VACCINE ROLLOUT**

The Shopping Centre Council of Australia (SCCA) today reiterated its standing offer to support the vaccine rollout, first made to chief medical officers and state governments earlier in the year.

The SCCA is the national industry group for major shopping centre companies.

SCCA Chairman and CEO of Scentre Group, Peter Allen, said: "The shopping centre sector has previously made clear its willingness to partner with governments to support the vaccine rollout, and we reiterate this offer again today".

The SCCA has held discussions with several States and Territories as the vaccine roll-out as progressed, and some shopping centres already have vaccination clinics.

"Shopping centres provide safe and convenient locations for the community, with approximately nine out of ten people living within a 20km radius of an SCCA owned shopping centre, and over 70 percent of the population within 5km."

"As retail is Australia's largest private sector employer, shopping centres are also substantial employment hubs and could provide a safe vaccination location for retail and other workers at each centre".

"Our industry has a track record of operating in a COVID-Safe manner, remaining open during the pandemic as an essential activity, and we would welcome the opportunity to discuss the role our sector can play with state and territory governments."

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#### **Key attributes:**

- 71 percent of the population resides within 5km of an SCCA shopping centre, 88 percent within 20km.
- Community centres, located across the state's metropolitan, regional and rural communities.
- Hubs for employment and community activities, easily accessible via public and private transport.
- Able to supplement health services with the provision of utilities, storage facilities and relevant infrastructure such as vehicle parking and other access requirements.