



Saturday, 12 June 2021

STATEMENT FROM THE PREMIER

This week I had another round of scans and a meeting with my care team at the Alfred and got some good news.

The broken vertebra has almost fully healed and they're letting me take off the back brace that I've had to wear for the last three months.

The six broken ribs will take a while longer to finish healing and doctors tell me that between the ribs and getting used to not having the brace on, the next couple of weeks will be a painful adjustment.

But overall, I'm feeling good and I've been given the all clear to return to work on Monday 28 June. I'm looking forward to it.

I want to thank Cath and the kids and the nurses, doctors, ambos and physios for all of their care.

I'm grateful to James Merlino for stepping in to lead the government and the state through a really difficult time – he's done an amazing job.

And finally, a special thanks to the tens of thousands of Victorians – especially all the kids – who've sent cards and letters and emails. Your kindness and concern is the best medicine – thank you so much!

Being Premier is a great honour.

I cannot wait to get back to work, fit and healthy – and getting things done.

See you soon.