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Mobile 'Embassies' to help Aussie fans during 2010 FIFA World Cup

Thousands of Australian fans visiting South Africa for the FIFA World Cup 2010 will have easy access to consular services with the introduction of mobile consular teams.

The mobile consular teams will be operating out of Australia-badged and signed mobile homes parked in easily accessible locations in all three of Australia's first round match cities – Durban, Rustenburg and Nelspruit.

- **Durban - Durban** - Fan Festival Area and the International Fan Embassy site on the Durban Beach Front
- **Rustenburg** – At Gate 1 (Entrance 2) and Gate 5 (Entrance 6) at Phokeng Stadium
- **Nelspruit** – Mobile Police Station, Mbombela Stadium, Nelspruit

“While I expect most Australians will follow the Government’s Travel Advice and exercise a high degree of caution during their time in South Africa, the High Commission is now well placed to help those fans who may find themselves in trouble before or after our big games,” said High Commissioner Ann Harrap.

“I strongly encourage all Australian fans to register their presence in South Africa with us through the Smartraveller website (www.smartraveller.gov.au) and to keep checking the travel advice and World Cup travel bulletin for updated information on travel in South Africa,” Ms Harrap said.

For consular or passport assistance in South Africa during the FIFA World Cup 2010 Australians can also call the High Commission 24 hour hotline Number on +27 12 423 6222. Consular assistance will also be available to Australians at the High Commission in Pretoria and the Consulate in Cape Town. Contact details are available on the High Commission website at www.australia.co.za.

With around 43,000 tickets sold to Australians, more than 10,000 Australian fans are expected to visit South Africa for the 2010 FIFA World Cup.

Media are invited to the launch of the mobile consular teams

Event details

Australian High Commission

292 Orient Street, Arcadia, Pretoria

3pm on Tuesday 8 June, followed by refreshments

Please RSVP to Nomphele Fundani on +27 12 423 6187 or nomphele.fundani@dfat.gov.au

For information regarding the Socceroos team, please direct all enquiries to Football Federation Australia. Please contact Mr Rod Allen, Head of Media Relations on +27 83 468 8524 or rod.allen@footballaustralia.com.au or Mr Adam Mark, Media relations on +27 83 577 8882 or adam.mark@footballaustralia.com.au

For information regarding Australian High Commission activities during the FIFA 2010 World Cup, please contact Public Affairs Officer, Mr William Blomfield on +27 83 409 3619 or william.blomfield@dfat.gov.au.