

16 October 2020

Dear Mr Adams-Dzierzba, His Excellency Ambassador Michal Kolodziejcki and Consul General Ms Monika Konczyk

On behalf of Snowy Monaro Regional Council and the whole Snowy Monaro community, I would like to welcome you back to our beautiful region for the annual Katyn/Smolensk Rally for 2020.

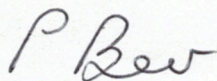
Our region has a proud and strong connection with the Polish community, starting with the explorer Edmund Strzelecki and has since developed through the contribution Polish workers made to the mighty Snowy Mountains Scheme.

I extend my sympathies to you all, and your country, over the tragic events this rally commemorates. We stand alongside our Polish friends in commemorating the Katyn massacre of 1940, the Smolensk plane crash of 2010 and more recently the unfortunate accident in 2018 with the passing of Andrew Pokorski.

Once again, our region is very proud to host your rally and we wish you all the very best for your journey onwards and for safe travels.

We look forward to continuing to strengthen our ties with the Polish community, and celebrate the legacy the Polish people have left with us.

Yours faithfully



Peter Beer

**Mayor**