



**Melbourne's Stage 4 Lock-down, and spot outbreaks across other parts of Australia serves as a stark reminder. Strong ongoing focus is needed on virus containment, community safety and economic recovery.** CCAA continues to advocate strongly for our essential industry to stay open for business with COVID safe planning,

## HEALTH & SAFETY

- **VIC - Victoria declared to be in a *State of Disaster*.** Find out about new level 4 restrictions in [Melbourne](#) and new restrictions for [Regional Victoria](#).
- The Australian Government has issued a [fact sheet from the Chief Medical Officer](#), reinforcing the Commonwealth's support for the actions of VIC Government to chase the virus down and have reinforced that we are all in this together.
- CCAA has [updated our COVID-19 Business Continuity Master Guideline](#), to reference the introduction of Health Directives related to Face Coverings / Masks (refer pg 2 of Issue 3: 29 July 2020).
- Testing Clinics across Australian states are in place where needed. Click to find out who should get tested and the location of your nearest testing clinic in [NSW](#), [VIC](#), [QLD](#), [SA](#), [NT](#), [TAS](#), [WA](#).
- **SA - Extension of Major Emergency Declaration** - Governor approval has been provided to extend the existing Major Emergency Declaration. The Governor of South Australia has approved a 28-day extension of the existing [Declaration of a Major Emergency commencing 25 July 2020](#).
- **VIC - Building and Construction scale back** comes into effect by midnight Friday 7 August. Only three types of construction is allowed to continue following an announcement by the Premier. Residential Construction that is already underway (5 people maximum per site); construction of critical infrastructure (work force reduced by 25%); and infrastructure connected to essential services and public works. [Fact Sheets](#) are available with further information. Read the [Premier's release here](#). Supply of cement, concrete and quarried products will continue to support the building and construction industry in a 'pilot light' setting over Stage 4.

## BORDERS UPDATE

- New outbreaks have prompted significant changes to border requirements across Australia. Border rules are subject to change at short notice but the NHVR has summarised the latest situation specific to the heavy vehicle industry. [Click here](#) to stay updated.
- **QLD** – [click here](#) for more information on Border Controls.
- **SA** – Information for Essential Travellers – new Cross Border Advice including for Commercial Transport & Freight Services has been published by DPTI. [Click here](#) to learn more.

## HEALTH DIRECTIVES (FACE COVERINGS)

- **Face Coverings are now mandatory across the whole of Victoria**, for all residents aged 12 years and over when they leave home. This is seen by the Victorian Government as a critical step in slowing the spread of COVID-19, in stating that face coverings help stop droplets spreading when someone speaks, laughs, coughs, or sneezes. [Find out more.](#)
- **NSW** - The NSW Government is strongly recommending wearing masks when: in indoor settings where physical distancing is hard to maintain (such as supermarkets); in indoor settings with a higher risk of transmission such as cafes, restaurants, pubs and clubs; during attendance at places of worship; and on public transport. [Find out more.](#)
- The Australian Government Department of Health has published guidance on when you should **wear a face mask to protect yourself of the community from coronavirus.** [Read more.](#)
- **Stay alert for New Guidelines & Directives impacting your area.** Major retailers are also publishing guidance, such as Woolworths who is strongly encouraging its shoppers across NSW, the ACT and parts of Queensland to wear a mask. [Read more.](#)

## ECONOMIC RECOVERY / STIMULUS PLANS

- **NSW** – The Government has announced that Stamp Duty will be paused in NSW for all new homes below \$800,000 and slashed on new properties up to \$1 million. More than 6000 first home buyers are forecast to benefit, with a new home buyer set to save up to \$31,335 on a \$800,000 new home. The package is an important step in stimulating demand across the housing industry as an essential part of a construction led recovery. [Read CCAA's media release.](#)
- **VIC** – The Victorian [Major Projects Pipeline has been re-designed](#) to make it easier for businesses, suppliers and contractors to contribute to the major projects that will transform the state over the next decade and beyond. This is welcome in providing more transparency around the forward government work program to allow the supply chain to better prepare off the back of \$70 billion infrastructure plan and \$9 billion of additional stimulus to date.
- **QLD** – Queenslanders can now officially apply for a \$25,000 grant to build or renovate their home under the [HomeBuilder initiative](#), as the state's construction sector continues to play a key role in Queensland's economic recovery from COVID-19. Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning Cameron Dick said the range of financial incentives available for home builders and renovators would help Queensland unite and recover to support local jobs.
- **VIC** – Treasury & Finance have published a [July Economic Update](#) which offers a useful summary on the forecasted impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **WA** - [\\$5.5 billion WA Recovery Plan launched](#) to get WA back on track - Premier Mark McGowan has released the comprehensive WA Recovery Plan - the next important step in WA's COVID-19 journey that will help drive economic and social recovery across the State, and create a pipeline of jobs for Western Australians. The plan has been developed in consultation with the State Recovery Advisory Group, which includes representatives from business, industry, not-for-profit organisations, Unions WA, the public sector, local government and the community.