



CEO UPDATE - Coronavirus

STAY AT HOME DIRECTIONS RELEASED

Overnight, the State Government released the [Emergency Management \(Stay at Home\) \(COVID-19\) Direction 2020](#) - otherwise known as the 'Stay at Home Directions' which outline permitted activities for the next 6 day period.

Since the initial announcement, further detail has been provided which provides greater clarity for various sections of the automotive industry.

Some notable additions to business activities for essential workers include:

- a distribution centre
- vehicle repair and mechanical services
- roadside assistance services
- public transport, including taxis and other public passenger services
- truckstops and roadhouses, including the provision of food for seated consumption at, or take away from, a truckstop or roadhouse by a truck driver

Some notable additions to reasons people, including customers, can leave home include obtaining essential goods or services from:

- vehicle and mechanical repair services
- a distribution centre

This means that a substantial portion of our members are included, in at least some part, thanks to our member's feedback. On our reading of the Direction, the following members can open:

- Mechanical repair - as necessary for critical vehicle safety and repair services
 - Body repair - as necessary for critical vehicle safety and repair services
 - Tyre shops – as necessary for critical vehicle safety and repair services
 - Agricultural – providing repairs and services to industry
 - All roadside assistance services, including towing
 - Parts suppliers (including dealers and dismantlers) – so far as they are acting as a distribution centre, that is supplying commercially to other businesses, but not retail sale
 - Bus and other passenger services – so far as it is providing public transport and public passenger services
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- Petrol stations, truckstops and roadhouses – this will extend to the provision of food, but only to truck drivers

While general retail operations are not included, the directions are a considerable improvement on what was initially announced and we are pleased that the Government took the MTA's constructive feedback on board.

The advice have provided is our current interpretation and may be subject to change. We will continue to provide more information, and further clarity as it becomes available.

The directions do not require staff to carry a letter from their employer stating that they are attending work to undertake an essential service. However, we have provided a template letter on our website which can be used for staff if they wish. To access the template, please [click here](#).

Frequently asked questions and updates will also be made available from today, so please stay up to date with the COVID-19 portal on our website at mtasant.com.au/news/COVID19

We are ready to answer any questions you may have regarding the directions and can be contacted now by telephone on 8291 2000 or by email to mta@mtasant.com.au.
