

COVID-19: Development Industry Update

Members only Update - Construction Industry PEAKS

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The NSW Cabinet is currently considering a plan for safely re-opening the construction sector. Government announcements on lockdowns and the re-opening of the construction sector are expected to be made by the Premier tomorrow.

The COVID-19 numbers are our greatest challenge.

The cost to the economy, to projects and to people's lives, is well understood by those on the call.

In the meeting with government officials today, Urban Taskforce and other industry representatives all confirmed that the property development and construction industry will be ready to go when ever the Government gives the go-ahead.

Government representatives noted the need to prepare for rostering for trades and site staff on the basis to workers from the 5 nominated LGAs (Liverpool, Fairfield, Canterbury Bankstown, Cumberland and Blacktown) **will not be allowed** to attend construction sites.

Nb: Census data shows that approximately 50% of the Greater Sydney construction workforce lives in these LGAs. That itself will limit staff numbers on site. In Victoria, where they ran on 25% of worksite capacity for some time last year, significant construction activity was able to be achieved on site with that workforce.

LGNSW offered Council assistance to the re-opening process including communications with Council Senior management and site inspectors.

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