

# COVID-19: Development Industry Update

## Members only Update - Construction Industry Peaks re-opening news

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Government emphasised that it is essential that all sites comply with Construction COVID-safe plans. Ensuring that all staff sign in with their correct address and fully comply with the Construction industry COVID safe site plan is really critical to keeping our industry open and expanding the list of authorised workers.

This has been raised in Government discussions and one thing that is certain and that well founded public concern about non-compliance will lead to a rapid shut-down of our industry again.

### Authorised Workers list

Changes to the authorised worker list are being actively considered (today and tomorrow) by Government. INSW is leading those discussions from industry with Health. Health remain very concerned with daily COVID numbers remaining above 200 new cases.

### Financial Support Packages

In response to the view that a lot of smaller sub-contractors were finding it hard to navigate the financial support arrangements that are in place, Government advised that they will prepare a simple summary with all the relevant links. A toolbox talk on financial support arrangements is also being prepared.

### Renovations (FYI)

Renovations of homes where people are living can resume in Greater Sydney, including the Blue Mountains, Wollongong, Central Coast, and Shellharbour local government areas (except for the local government areas of Blacktown, Campbelltown, Canterbury-Bankstown, Cumberland, Fairfield, Georges River, Liverpool and Parramatta).

The restrictions that apply to repairs, maintenance and cleaning services will change in Greater Sydney, including the Blue Mountains, Wollongong, Central Coast, and Shellharbour local government areas (except for the "locked down" local government areas of Blacktown, Campbelltown, Canterbury-Bankstown, Cumberland, Fairfield, Georges River, Liverpool and Parramatta).

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In the local government areas where renovations, repairs and maintenance **are permitted (not the locked down LGAs)**

- in an outdoor area, no more than five persons can undertake work at the same time
- in an indoor area, no more than two persons can undertake work at the same time and
- if work is occurring in an indoor area on the premises, and other persons (such as members of the household) are present at the premises, the other persons must stay in a separate indoor area of the premises from the persons undertaking the work at all times

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