

Public Release – Open Letter to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, Energy and Industrial Relations – March 2020

Hon. Bill Johnston M.L.A.

Dear Bill,

ECONOMIC STIMULUS DURING COVID-19

We aware that the WA Government is looking for ways in which to restrict the transfer of Covid-19 whilst trying to keep the economy going.

The residential building industry consists of a series of work locations which are separated from the neighbour, separated from the general public and usually has one trade at a time working on each house.

The suppliers which provide the building materials to the sites similarly have workers able to observe social distancing.

InspectWA would urge you to voice in Cabinet a dispensation for the WA building industry to be considered an essential service.

By building workers being allowed to go to from home to a home site and back again, many small businesses can keep trading, keep employees going, keep suppliers going and provide income to incidental other business such as petrol stations and planthire companies.

It would also ease the mortgage burden on the clients having homes built in months to come, as there would be no unnecessary delays to completion of homes.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Kind regards



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