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1. INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

The Prime Minister delivered an address to the National Press club last week, with industrial relations a key focus of the speech. The Prime Minister is pursuing a post-coronavirus industrial relations compact by September, which has been pegged as leading to possibly the most ambitious workplace relations changes since the Accord of the 1980s.

The Attorney-General will oversee five working groups to negotiate a package to promote jobs, in five key areas:

1. Award simplification
2. Enterprise agreement making
3. Casuals and fixed term employees
4. Compliance and enforcement, and
5. Greenfields agreements.

Employers and union representatives will sit on each group. Along with individuals, a diverse range of expertise in small business, rural and regional businesses, multicultural communities, will also be consulted.

VACC will continue to keep members updated.

2. GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Restrictions lifted as of 11.59pm, 31 May 2020.

Below provides a visual representation of the recently announced changes to restrictions in Victoria.

FROM 11:59PM ON MAY 31:

			
Up to 20 people at a social gathering	Overnight stays in private and tourist accommodation	Camping with no use of shared facilities	Up to 50 people at a funeral
			
Up to 20 people at a wedding	Up to 20 people at a religious ceremony	Up to 20 people per salon	Up to 20 people per pool and 3 people per lane
			
Up to 20 people in a community space	Up to 20 people in outdoor sporting activities	Up to 20 people training together, outside only	Up to 20 people in a single library space
	<p>KEEP WASHING YOUR HANDS. KEEP MAINTAINING YOUR DISTANCE. AND KEEP USING YOUR COMMON SENSE.</p>		
Up to 20 people at auctions and inspections			

Motor vehicle duty relief

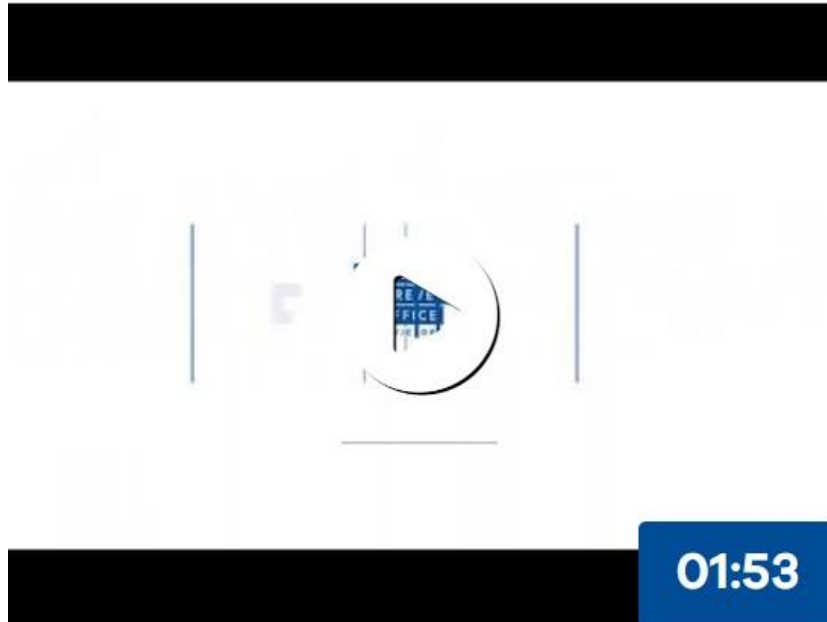
As previously advised to members, this administrative change by the Commissioner of State Revenue was announced on 22 May 2020.

The Commissioner has temporarily adjusted the length of ownership rule associated with exemptions from motor vehicle duty available for licensed motor car traders for their demonstrator or service demonstrator vehicles.

Members can read more [HERE](#).

Video: How to claim coronavirus land tax relief

The State Revenue Office (SRO) has released a helpful video on how to claim the coronavirus land tax relief. You can access this below:



Land Tax

How to claim coronavirus land tax relief

3. MEMBER SERVICES

VSBC Toolkit - Commercial Tenancy Relief Scheme

The Victorian Small Business Commission (VSBC) has developed content for tenants and landlords who have been impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The [Toolkit includes](#):

1. The steps VSBC recommends tenants and landlords take.
2. A proforma letter tenants can use to start the conversation with their landlord.
3. How to access free mediation through the VSBC office to support fair tenancy negotiations under the Commercial Tenancy Relief Scheme.
4. Scenarios showing how VSBC can help tenants and landlords that do and do not fall under the Scheme.

The [VSBC's web page](#) has also been updated for commercial tenants and landlords and has published FAQs on the Scheme, drawing on their responses to the questions their team is most commonly asked.

Comparison of jurisdictional Roadmaps – 26 May

Members can access a new reference document for businesses operating across jurisdictions. This PDF maps all state and territory stepped plans across the high-level 3-step framework national Cabinet released.

You can access the document [HERE](#).

4. TASMANIA

Completing your COVID-19 Safety Plan

Business Tasmania has partnered with WorkSafe Tasmania to deliver a webinar informing businesses how they can complete their 'COVID-19 Safety Plan', which needs to be in place by 15 June.

Details:

Wednesday 3 June

2pm – 3pm

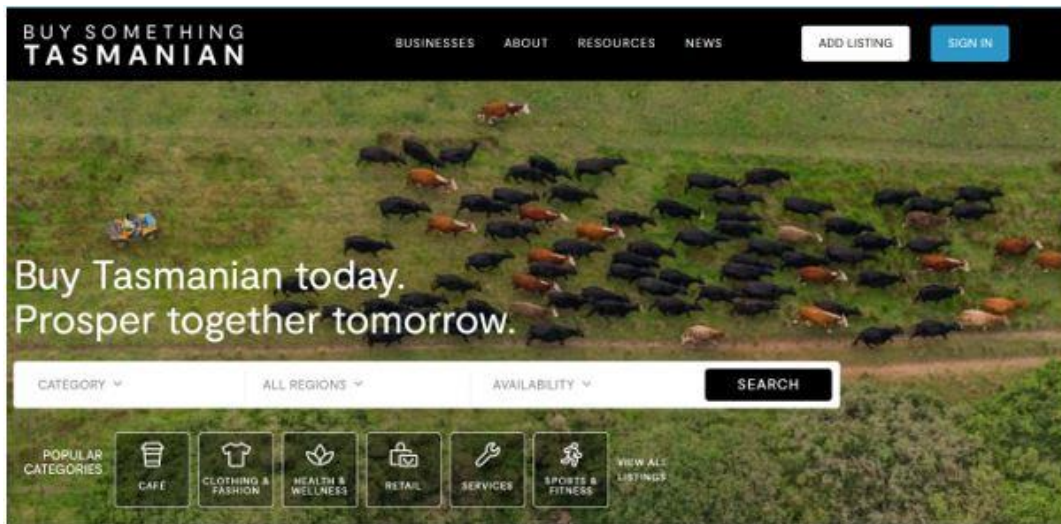
With Ken Nolan from WorkSafe Tasmania

Members can register [HERE](#).

Buy Something Tasmanian – Online platform

[Buy Something Tasmanian](#) is a platform informing consumers where they can find exactly who is trading and in what capacity. It's free to create a profile, takes about 15 minutes, and you don't need an existing online presence.

If you require further assistance with getting online, Business Tasmania's [Digital Ready program](#) has resources and free advice to help you.



5. INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Austrade COVID-19 webpage

Austrade has a dedicated webpage - COVID-19: Support for Australian businesses - which may be of interest to members. This includes recordings of previous webinars and advertises future scheduled online events.

To find out more click [HERE](#).

6. PREVIOUS UPDATE ISSUES

You can read previous Updates of COVID-19 [HERE](#).

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