

# BULLETIN

## Industry Divisions



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### URGENT CORONAVIRUS CONFERENCE CALL FOR VACC MEMBERS

VACC are receiving many calls from members regarding the outbreak of the Coronavirus and the impact it is having on the community at large as well as the likely flow on impact to VACC member businesses.

Calls from members have covered a broad range of potential scenarios such as:

- where the business may be forced to close
- employees either travelling overseas, or
- returning from overseas trips from countries which has the coronavirus
- whether employees should be paid if the business has to shut down
- where an employee returns from overseas with no symptoms can they be directed to self – isolate
- should an employee be paid where a business directs the employee to self-isolate

Members are all mindful of the welfare of their employees and will do everything in their power to assist them wherever possible. Businesses need to retain skilled employees, however, members are also mindful of ensuring the long-term viability their businesses and as such must be in a position to plan ahead to meet any adverse consequences as a result of the current unpredictable situation.

To help VACC members to understand these issues there will be two specially convened teleconferences on the following date:

**Date:** Tuesday, 17 March 2020

**Time:** 2.30PM – 4PM

Members will be able to ask questions to key VACC Industrial Relations staff and be provided with industry leading advice as to what direction you must take.

You will hear from:

**Bill Chesterman**, Manager Industrial Relations & OHSE - VACC

**Gabriella Marton**, Senior Workplace Lawyer - VACC

**Brett O'Neil**, Senior Safety Advisor - VACC

**Sally Selim**, Senior Safety Advisor - VACC

Please [RSVP](#) with your membership number and name of person(s) attending this call. In the RSVP there is an opportunity for you to raise questions in advance.

A teleconference call number will be forwarded to all registered attendees on Monday, 16 March.

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