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Prime Minister, Federal Water Minister, Premiers & Chief Ministers

Via email

Dear National Cabinet Members,

Pump Industry Australia Inc is the peak industry body for businesses with an interest in the Australian Pump Industry and we represent an extensive list of members across Australia. We have a concern that your government will consider businesses involved with the manufacture and distribution of pumps and supporting equipment as 'non-essential' for the purposes of implementing control measures to restrict the movement of Coronavirus in the community.

Whilst Pump Industry Australia and our member fully supports the need for tighter controls to prevent the transmission of the Coronavirus, we are very concerned that if pumping related businesses are deemed 'non-essential' this could cause harm to the nation at large.

Pumps are at the heart of almost every service the Australian public rely on including water reticulation and treatment, sewage collection and treatment, power generation, distribution of every form of liquid not the least of which is fuel for transport. Mining, fire protection and pharmaceutical production also rely on the availability of reliable pumping equipment pumps are an essential component in manufacturing processes of every kind as well as the horticultural and farming industries. Without working and reliable pumping equipment the nations services would come to a halt.

It is vitally important that our members are permitted to continue to operate to provide the critical products and service support as may be required. It is recognised that like the rest of the community our members while continuing to provide their essential product and services would do so under strict protocols to observe the sanitation and separation guidelines provided by your committee.

We urgently seek your approval to have our member businesses declared as essential businesses for the purposes of this control measure.

We note that in NSW a service comprising **the supply of goods or services necessary** for providing any service referred to in paragraphs (a)–(k). in the **Essential Services Act 1988 No 41 broadly applies to Pump related businesses we believe that this should apply in every State & Territory** and accordingly we seek your approval to deem our member Pump Industry businesses as essential business for the purposes of this control order.

We look forward to your confirmation that our members businesses can continue to operate.

Yours sincerely

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President
Pump Industry Australia Inc.