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Australian Governments committed to supporting Construction

As governments, industry and communities around the world grapple with the health and economic challenges posed by the COVID-19 outbreak, the Concrete Pumping Association of Australia would like to assure our concrete pumping industry that construction continues to be supported as an **essential business**.

The Government recognises the importance of the construction sector and have implemented steps to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and allow industry operations to continue. These include social distancing, limiting non-essential travel and hygiene measures.

The construction sector has extensive experience in dealing with work, health and safety matters and the Concrete Pumping Association of Australia is confident the necessary measures will be implemented in the course of hazard and risk assessment for projects and sites.

To these ends the Concrete Pumping Association of Australia, in accordance with the Australian Federal and State Government's advice is that the concrete pumping industry is an **essential service** to the construction industry.

This includes; Concrete Pumping Contractors, Concrete Pump Manufacturers and Distributors, Equipment Repairers and Inspectors supporting the continued and safe operation of concrete placing equipment. Obligations to undertake regular maintenance and inspections in AS2550.15, including pre-operational inspections, routine inspections and periodic inspections must continue.

For the purpose of periodic inspections, these must be conducted by a 'Competent Person' defined in AS2550.15 to service equipment and accordingly is exempt to undertake essential regional or interstate travel to complete inspections and ensure equipment is safe for continued operation.

Travelling interstate should not be taken lightly, and should only be done where necessary and advice surrounding coronavirus should be followed.

For further information please refer to the Australian Federal Government or State Government website, in which you intend to travel to, for more information https://www.australia.gov.au

The Concrete Pumping Association continues to support its members during this evolving time and will ensure all members are up to date with the latest announcements and regulations.