



19th November 2020

Commissioner Grant Stevens
Commissioner of Police
GPO Box 1539
Adelaide SA 5001

Dear Commissioner Stevens,

Re: Essential Services Act 1981 / Pest Control

The South Australian Government has made a series of announcements regarding the Covid-19 lockdown. Industries not specifically mentioned for exemption are referred to the "Essential Services Act 1981"

The Australian Environmental Pest Managers Association are the peak industry body for all pest management operations and standards within Australia. In other jurisdictional lockdowns, including USA, England (UK), New Zealand and recently Victoria, pest control has been deemed an "Essential Service".

Under the South Australian Legislation, we would similarly qualify as a worker providing essential services.

From the South Australian Essential Services Act 1981 (attached)

"Essential service means a service (whether provided by a public or private undertaking) without with the safety, health or welfare of the community or a section of the community would be endangered or seriously prejudiced"

"Essential infrastructure and essential services within the Essential Services Act 1981 (SA)"

"Organisations that provide urgent services necessary for the health and safety of any person, animal or premises (e.g. Plumbing, Centrelink services and Foodbank)"

"Urgent services necessary for the health and safety or any person, animal or premises"

I have advised our members that they can proceed with the following.

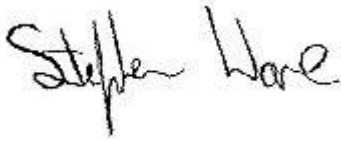
- Termite Inspections and treatments (comes under safety of occupants of buildings and did under Victoria when questioned)
- Pests known to spread viruses (health)
 - Cockroaches
 - Rodents
 - Mosquitos
- Biting pests (health and safety)
 - Spiders
 - Snakes
- Pre-construction treatments will be paused (refer construction industry)

- Nuisance pests will be paused (not an essential service) unless they are related to health and safety issues.

Could you advise whether the South Australian Police require any particular documentation to allow our members to carry out their essential services.

I attached paperwork introduced by the Victorian Government for this purpose. Could you please advise if you will accept a modified version for South Australia.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Ware". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Stephen Ware
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