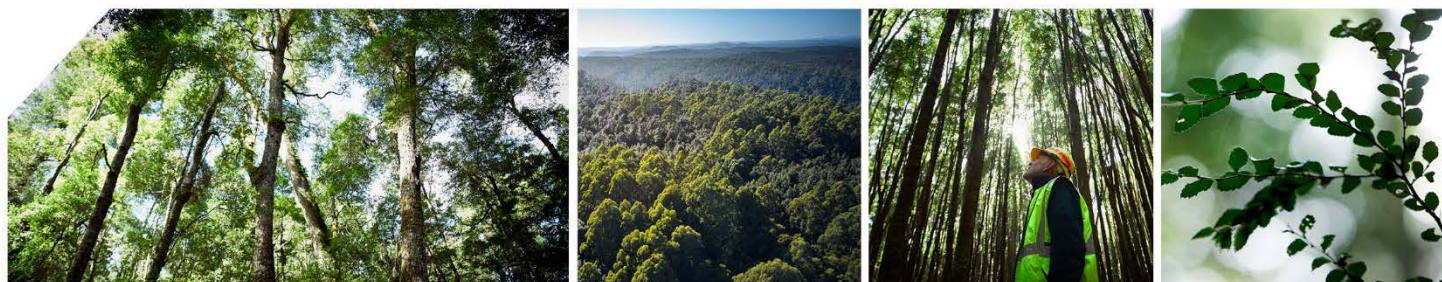


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Latest information

Australian Government

The Australian Government is providing the latest Coronavirus news, updates and advice from government agencies across Australia at <https://www.australia.gov.au/>

Latest updates on this site include:

- A new Higher Education Relief Package to support workers who have been displaced as a result of the COVID-19 crisis.
- The passing of legislation for the \$130 billion JobKeeper Payment.
- Information to protect yourself from an increase in COVID-19 themed cyber activity towards websites designed to either install software or steal personal information and banking details.
- Availability of the official government "Coronavirus Australia" app.

Tasmanian Government

In addition to the business restrictions which are currently in place across Tasmania, further restrictions have been introduced in the North West region. Details of these restrictions can be found at <https://coronavirus.tas.gov.au/families-community/important-information-for-people-in-north-west-tasmania>

The Tasmanian Government has also provided information on "what is an essential service" at <https://coronavirus.tas.gov.au/business-and-employees/Security-of-essential-services>

Support & assistance.

The Tasmanian Department of Premier and Cabinet COVID-19 website coronavirus.tas.gov.au is a central point for information & community resources and links.

For general information about COVID-19, call the national 24-hour coronavirus information line on 1800 020 080 or visit the Australian Government [Department of Health website](#).

If your business is impacted by the COVID-19 you are encouraged to contact the [Business Tasmania](#) Hotline on **1800 440 026**.

Business Tasmania can discuss available support and make contact as further support packages become available. It will also assist Business Tasmania to understand the scale of the impact on business. This [factsheet](#) also provides a list of dedicated hotlines for other matters (eg health concerns).

Tasmania's forestry contractors can also apply for funding under the Forestry Contractor Resilience Program. Forestry harvest and haulage contractors have the opportunity to work with specialists in business and financial management to identify future opportunities and build stability and resilience into their operations. Information is available from the [Rural Business Tasmania](#) website. [CLICK HERE](#) or phone 1300 88 3276 for more information.

Also available is a checklist for businesses to be prepared for influenza pandemic which is useful for considering business continuity. [CLICK HERE](#) for additional information.