



CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) SAFE PLAN

**CIVIL CONSTRUCTION
HUMAN RESOURCES
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1. EMPLOYER STATEMENT

To Whom It May Concern,

Our ANZIC Classification(s):

E CONSTRUCTION

1. Subdivision 32 CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

- Group 321 LAND DEVELOPMENT AND SITE PREPARATION SERVICES
- Class 3212 Site Preparation Services

AND

- Group 3291 Landscape Construction Services
- Class 292 Hire of Construction Machinery with Operator

We are mainly engaged in earthmoving work such as levelling of construction sites, excavation of foundations, trench digging or removal of overburden.

We are currently major contractors for the following critical and essential infrastructure and services works for the Government.

The holder of this CoVID-19 Safe Plan will produce photo identification to verify their identity if requested by an appropriately authorised person including a Police Officer or a Protective Services Officer.

Should you have any questions concerning the validity of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,



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2. PURPOSE OF THE COVID-19 SAFE PLAN:

The following plan details EPH, ESG and WPE's actions towards reducing their employee's exposure to CoVID-19 and how they will respond to a confirmed or suspected positive CoVID-19 case in the workplace.

The plan sets out:

- Page 4 – 7: Actions to help prevent the introduction of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the workplace
- Page 8: The level of personal protective equipment (PPE) required for the workforce
- Page 15: How it will prepare for, and respond to, a suspected or confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID19) in the workplace
- Page 16: Employer acknowledgement

This strategic preparedness and plan outline the measures that EPH, ESG and WPE are taking to support our employees at work whilst maintaining their financial viability.

The document translates what we know so far about CoVID-19 into actions that guide the efforts of our Managers when developing their operational plans.

Please note: EPH, ESG and WPE may make changes to the plan in response to the changing conditions and circumstances surrounding CoVID-19. Government advice is changing all the time. The particular hazards relating locations, work activities and environments may differ significantly from those suggested here. Users of this response plan are therefore advised to evaluate its contents thoroughly and adapt it to suit the requirements of each individual situation.

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3. SAFETY AND PREVENTION:

Hazard	Harm That The Hazard Could Cause	Level of Risk	Actions	Controls Currently in Place	Actioned by	Date Completed	Maintenance and Review
COVID-19 from clients, subcontractors and employees who are infected	Employees, subcontractors or clients catching COVID-19 (could result in serious illness or death)	Moderate, while there are only a few local cases the consequences may be severe	Keeping employees informed	<p>Senior Management is actively working to keep themselves and their employees up to date with incoming information from the Government.</p> <p>EPH has updated its internal policies regarding Fitness for Work, Working From Home and Flexible Working Arrangements to enable appropriate responses to the changing circumstances.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CoVID-19 Information posters are available on all EPH, ESG and WPE locations informing employees of the symptoms, resources, contact information and safety protocols • FAQ Information document available to all employees regarding leave provisions, how to respond to a suspected case of CoVID and more • Hand washing instructions have been placed on the back of toilet doors and at sinks • Information cards have been placed in the kitchen reminding employees to wash their hands and the fruit • Employees are provided with a copy of this CoVID-19 Safe Plan • Employees receive regular updates from HR that passes on and reinforces key Government public health messages. Such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ cover the mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve (not hands) when coughing or sneezing ○ put used tissues in the bin straight away wash hands regularly with soap and water for at least 	Elise Heckman	4 th October 2021	5 th November 2021

				<p>20 seconds (use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ avoid close contact with people who are unwell ○ clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces do not touch face, eyes, nose or mouth if hands are not clean. 			
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COVID-19 from clients, subcontractors and employees who are infected	Employees, subcontractors or clients catching COVID-19 (could result in serious illness or death)	Moderate, while there are only a few local cases the consequences may be severe	Employee and workplace hygiene	<p><u>General Actions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporting to work unwell – Employees are to report any flu-like symptoms to HR, stay away from the workplace and to seek advice from a health care professional. HR will support employees throughout the process. Employees are prohibited from working when unwell • Positive or active cases of CoVID will be supported as per the 'Response Plan' attached to this CoVID-19 Safe Plan • All employee information, such as emergency contact details, are up to date • Subcontractors and Visitors must sign in at the Reception iPad and QR codes to support record keeping and contract tracing. Managers maintain timesheets via Payroll systems, KeyPay, the ESG Portal and Excel Spreadsheets, to act as employee record keeping; which would assist in the event that an employee becomes well and the DHHS require contact tracing • Subcontractors attending the EPH VIC office is temporarily prohibited • The WPE Dandenong Yard keeps all roller doors open to enable airflow. The ESG sites are based on remote paddock/land which has free flowing fresh air. 	Elise Heckman	4 th October 2021	5 th November 2021

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPH, ESG and WPE funded flu vaccinations • EPH, ESG and WPE employees are permitted to attend an appointment, at no loss of annual or personal leave, to receive their coronavirus vaccinations • Construction workers (ESG on-site employees) will need to have a first dose of COVID-19 vaccination, evidence of a booking, or provide a medical exemption by 11:59pm Thursday the 23rd of September 2021. Therefore, all ESG on-site employees are directed and required by law to provide ESG with evidence of their first dose of COVID-19 vaccination, evidence of booking or a medical exemption to not receive the vaccination. • All EPH and ESG workers - in Melbourne and regional Victoria - on an Authorised Worker list who cannot work at home will require their first COVID-19 vaccine dose by Friday, 15th of October 2021. From the 26th of November 2021, the requirement will increase to having had two doses or a medical exemption. This applies to all on-site employees (at Mitcham, Nunawading, Brooklyn, Yarraville, on-road and Dandenong) are directed and required by law to obtain their first dose of COVID-19 vaccination (or a medical exemption). • All EPH and ESG workers - in Melbourne and regional Victoria - on an Authorised Worker list who are working from home will require their full COVID-19 vaccine dose by Friday, the 5th of November 2021, before returning to on-site work. 			
COVID-19 from clients, subcontractors and employees who are infected	Employees, subcontractors or clients catching COVID-19 (could result in serious illness or death)	Moderate, while there are only a few local cases the consequences may be severe	Employee and workplace hygiene	<u>Environmental Cleaning:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Head Office buildings are cleaned every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Cleaner has been instructed to clean frequently touched surfaces including counters, handrails, doors, phones and keyboards 	Elise Heckman	4 th October 2021	5 th November 2021

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are adequate supplies of cleaning products, including detergent and disinfectant. These are ordered periodically by the Receptionist. Employees to report if they have insufficient supplies to Human Resources 			
<p>COVID-19 from clients, subcontractors and employees who are infected</p>	<p>Employees, subcontractors or clients catching COVID-19 (could result in serious illness or death)</p>	<p>Moderate, while there are only a few local cases the consequences may be severe</p>	<p>Employee and workplace hygiene</p>	<p><u>Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):</u></p> <p>Employees must wear the required PPE at all times.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All EPH, ESG and WPE Employees are required to wear a face mask in the workplace at all times unless an exemption applies Hand sanitiser stations is provided and promoted for use on entering building and other locations in the worksite. There are adequate supplies of hand soap and paper towels available all employees at all locations. How to use hand sanitisers and/or wash hands, are instructions on the back of toilet doors and above all sinks. Employees are responsible for reporting to Human Resources if they do not have enough sanitisation items Latex gloves have been made available for all Employees handling paper dockets ESG site offices are equipped with disinfectant and hand sanitisers WPE trucks are equipped with disinfectants and wipes with the expectation that trucks are cleaned every morning Hand sanitiser are provided in four large automatic dispensers at EPH Nunawading Hand sanitisers have been provided to all EPH, ESG and WPE employees across VIC, NSW and QLD Hand sanitisers, small bottles, have been placed on communal office spaces of all employees 	<p>Elise Heckman</p>	<p>4th October 2021</p>	<p>5th November 2021</p>

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COVID-19 from clients, subcontractors and employees who are infected	Employees, subcontractors or clients catching COVID-19 (could result in serious illness or death)	Moderate, while there are only a few local cases the consequences may be severe	Social distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Microsoft/Skype/Zoom meetings to be conducted as opposed to face-to-face interactions Encouraging employees to work from home to maintain minimal on-site capacities External training attendance has been temporarily suspended <p><u>Social Distancing (4 Square Metre Rule):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only crucial positions supporting critical infrastructure projects and unable to work from home, to work from the office/site all the while adhering to the CoVID Safe Plan ESG Site Employees can and will continue to work on-site due to the intake of material supporting critical infrastructure projects WPE Employees, the Truck Drivers, can continue work from their Vehicles however observe social distancing measures when parking their Trucks at the WPE Yard VIC, NSW and QLD Employees are permitted to work home if safe Subcontractors or other external visitors are not permitted to enter all EPH and ESG offices past the reception desk Doors, where possible, are left open to each location to allow for airflow The set out of each location has been altered so that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> There is no more than one worker per four square meters of enclosed workspace 	Elise Heckman	4 th October 2021	5 th November 2021

				<p>2. Employees are spaced at least 1.5m apart</p> <p>3. There is no more than one member of the public per four square meters of publicly available space.</p> <p>4. Chairs have been removed from the lunchroom to prohibit over capacities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only site based employees (ie, Leading Hands, Machine Operators and Regional Support Managers) are allowed in and out of ESG site sheds. • Site Leading Hands on ESG VIC sites are appointed CoVID Safe Marshals. • Employees are required to practice social distancing, as per several informational posters across all sites, offices and locations, whilst in and out of work; especially when involved in workplace activities: • Avoiding nonessential contact with others • Keeping a safe distance of at least 2 metres (about 3 steps) from others whenever possible • Avoiding physical contact (eg hugs, handshakes, etc) <p><u>Communal Areas:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tea rooms on ESG VIC sites are closed, and food or drink is not able to be consumed indoors at work. • Established maximum occupancy limits for boardrooms, lunchrooms and kitchens (eg, Boardroom maximum of 6 persons) • All employees are to have staggered lunch breaks to avoid room over-capacities and too many employees meeting in one location; this has been arranged with the Accounts and Operations Departments who have 			
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				<p>a lunch roster that does not require all employees to take a break at the same time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WPE Truck Drivers are not to meet in groups or exit their vehicles when on-site <p><u>Workforce bubble:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site Leading Hands on ESG VIC sites are appointed CoVID Safe Marshals. All ESG site employees have been mailed via express post, log books to trace their movements according to government regulations All ESG employees, unless casual, are required to remain at the one site location unless specified otherwise to minimise movement All employees working from the office are to perform the same hours each day from the same location; for example, 8am to 5pm at Nunawading. Employees are not to travel to the offices 			
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Fatigue from working longer hours to meet high demand	Injury to employees or others form fatigue related accidents or illness resulting from fatigue	High	Control Workloads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure maximum shift lengths and maximum starts per week are observed to prevent fatigue Ensure breaks are provided Employees reporting feeling tired are sent home and driven or offered a taxi if necessary 	Elise Heckman	4 th October 2021	5 th November 2021
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Client and subcontractor aggression	Physical or psychological injury to employees	High	Managerial Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manager prioritises assisting employees with upset clients to enables employees to remove themselves if they feel necessary 	Elise Heckman	4 th October 2021	5 th November 2021

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managers contact subcontractors and clients on an employee's behalf to address any concerns WPE Truck Drivers can report aggressive customers to the Fleet Manager (WPE) or HR Processes are in place to ban abusive and violent subcontractors/clients from EPH, ESG and WPE Employees have access to psychological support through HR and their managers 			
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Hazards caused by lack of information or inaccurate information being circulated	Physical or psychological injury to employees	High	Supporting employees during the CoVID-19 Pandemic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infection control training to be administered to ESG and EPH employees no later than Tuesday the 21st of September 2021. Established a CoVID Information and Resources folder in Microsoft Teams > Group Human Resources General Management, Directors and HR are providing regular emailed updates of the organisation's plans HR monitoring official advice from the Government Employees have access to links for Mental Health support services in Microsoft Teams. HR has updated and reminded as to the location of the links to Mental Health support services via email Managers checking in with their team members to see how they are faring HR conducted training with all Managers (EPH, ESG and WPE) on the 8th of April 2020 on the topic, 	Elise Heckman	4 th October 2021	5 th November 2021

				<p>'Managing Teams & The Unknown During CoVID-19' and 'Managin Distributed Workforces' on the 3rd of September 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mental Health Policy establish and mental health training provided between June – August 2021 			
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Travelling	Risk of contracting CoVID by requiring interstate and local travel	Moderate to High	Travel Restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site Leading Hands on ESG VIC sites are appointed CoVID Safe Marshals. ESG VIC on-site employees (construction workers) will now not be able to cross the metropolitan-regional boundary for work. This means that sites in metropolitan Melbourne will not allow regional Victorian workers on site and vice versa. ESG employees in metropolitan Melbourne and Ballarat are allowed to travel beyond their 10km radius limit for authorised work so long as it does not cross the regional Victoria boundaries. All required to inform their manager if they share accommodation with anyone working at another high-risk workplace Managers advised of protocols regarding interstate travel; isolating, CoVID Testing and border entry passes. Drivers encouraged to stop congregating in groups during rest breaks 	Elise Heckman	4 th October 2021	5 th November 2021

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Impaired ability to hold business related meetings and training	Employees and clients contracting CoVID from participating in face to face meetings	Moderate to High	Social Distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encouraging Microsoft Teams video conferencing Microsoft/Skype/Zoom meetings to be conducted as opposed to face-to-face interactions Employees are permitted to attend external training events where safe 	Elise Heckman	4 th October 2021	5 th November 2021

4. RESPONSE PLAN:

4.1 Business continuity plan to consider the impacts of an outbreak and potential closure of our workplaces.

Hazard	Harm That The Hazard Could Cause	Level of Risk	Actions	Controls Currently in Place	Actioned by	Date Completed	Maintenance and Review
Economic downturn	Crisis management and business continuity hazards caused by the pandemic emergency	Low to moderate	Managing Leave Provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk Management Team established comprising of the Senior Management Team Employees with children are encouraged to utilise their carer's leave entitlement if needed FAQ Document regarding leave entitlements have been provided to all EPH, ESG and WPE employees All Managers have been advised of their employees' leave entitlements Non-essential business expenditure has been put on hold; including credit cards and 'Fruit To Work' 	Elise Heckman	4 th October 2021	5 th November 2021
Hazard	Harm That The Hazard Could Cause	Level of Risk	Actions	Controls Currently in Place	Actioned by	Date Completed	Maintenance and Review
Lockdown impeding business operations	Physical or psychological changes for employees	High	Flexible Work Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IT and phone systems are being reconfigured to allow remote working for the majority of EPH and ESG office-based Head office Employees that can work from home (see below), will work from home. Departments such as Operations (10 – 11 employees) will be required to work from the office 	Elise Heckman	4 th October 2021	5 th November 2021

				<p>due to a) the ongoing need to allocate equipment to various critical infrastructure projects to allow for these projects to continue operations, and b) the IT infrastructure does not allow for remote work (ie, communal landline)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Departments such as Accounts (4-6 employees) will be required to work from the office due to a) the hire dockets received to process payments for the critical infrastructure projects, is mailed to the office in hundreds, and is needed to be processed on the same day to meet contractual requirements, and b) the hire dockets are largely in paper format • 80% of EPH VIC Head Office employees can work from home. The remaining employees are on-site office-based and are considered essential • 100% of WPE employees can work remotely • 100% of the EPH NSW Team can work from home • 80% of the EPH QLD Team, can work from home • Internal EPH, ESG and WPE correspondence must be place in the in/out boxes, sent via express postal mail or, if an emergency, sent scanned via email; • EPH and ESG Working From Home Policies have been updated • EPH and ESG Fitness for Work Policies have been updated • Working From Home Forms have been finalised, assessed and outcomes communicated to managers 			
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4.2 Steps to manage a suspected or confirmed case in an employee during work hours

1. Human Resources (HR) to be contacted immediately on 0455 027 677;
2. The Employee is not to arrive work and must remain isolated at home or, seek medical assistance. If they are at work, HR or the Employee's manager to remove the Employee from the premises to await transportation. The Employee is to seek medical assistance and self-isolate;
3. HR and Manager to determine what areas of the workplace were visited or used by the confirmed case by referring to records of employee attendance at the workplace;
4. HR to contact DHHS, Worksafe (13 23 60), Health and Safety Representatives;
5. HR to consult with DHHS on whether the workplace or part of the workplace is required to close for a short period to facilitate cleaning and enable contact tracing. DHHS will determine whether to assign an outbreak management team and deploy DHHS to attend the workplace to perform a risk assessment and provide advice;
6. HR to work with DHHS to provide details that will assist in contact tracing such as records of employee attendance and up-to-date contact details for employees should they be required. DHHS will contact anyone who is identified as a close contact of the case. In some circumstances, DHHS will ask HR to make first contact with relevant employees members with agreed messages;
7. Outside doors and windows are to be opened to increase air circulation and close off the affected area before commencing cleaning and disinfection;
8. HR to organise for the cleaning and disinfecting of all areas that were used by the confirmed case. The workplace or part of the workplace as determined by DHHS should remain closed until this is completed;
9. Any employee who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) is to remain at home in self-isolation until they have been notified by DHHS that they have met the criteria for release. The employee must follow DHHS guidance and the Group's policy with regards to return to work;
10. HR to ensure employees who are identified to be close contacts of a person with coronavirus (COVID-19) by DHHS do not come to work for 14 days after their last close contact with the positive case, as they must self-quarantine for this period. During self-quarantine, the employee should watch for symptoms and seek medical assessment and testing if they develop symptoms such as fever, sore throat, runny nose, shortness of breath or a loss of their sense of taste or smell;
11. If the case or cases are deemed an outbreak, DHHS will maintain active involvement throughout the course of the outbreak including providing advice on when the workplace can re-open or when the outbreak is considered resolved;
12. HR will work with DHHS to ensure that all appropriate preventative measures have been taken prior to reopening the business;
13. Following a coronavirus (COVID-19) case at a workplace, risk management controls and infection prevention measures will be reviewed by the Senior Management Team in order to reduce risk of further coronavirus (COVID-19) exposures; and
14. HR and the Managers will keep employees updated.

5. EMPLOYER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

I acknowledge on behalf of all three organisations, that I understand my responsibilities and have implemented this COVID-19 Safe Plan in the workplace.

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