

Supplier Up-date No.1: Covid19

Objective

Keeping our Supplier communication lines open during this unprecedented challenge.

Overview

This will be the first of a series of supplier up-dates from the TasNetworks' Market Planning and Performance Team. Things are moving quickly and we all need to be agile.

Recently, TasNetworks surveyed some key suppliers on COVID-19 planning and preparedness. The responses were prompt, considered and thorough. TasNetworks is mindful of the necessity of its service providers' ongoing support to maintain our essential service. TasNetworks is monitoring the state and federal governments' COVID-19 directives to ensure that our business and our valued supply chain meet all our obligations and help protect our community.

Prepare for Future Operational Covid19 Impacts

Currently, TasNetworks is continuing to deliver its program of work with some restriction. However, in the near future it is possible that there will be further stages of pandemic response escalations which may include community travel restrictions or even a community lockdowns; similar to that in many other countries.

Some elements of TasNetworks activities will be exempt due to the essential nature of our service. For these absolutely essential activities we ask that you commence planning and preparation (where applicable) in the event of a government imposed lockdown. This includes changed work practices (SWMS) to be up-dated to specifically address COVID-19 containment and social distancing strategies.

Some activities that are not essential will likely be suspended. We will work with you to provide maximum notice should this come into effect, but this could happen very quickly if the pandemic situation deteriorates. This may be government lead. We all need to be agile during this time with effective contingency plans developed.

Looking towards Recovery

TasNetworks wants to help ensure that your business is well positioned to be part of the significant recovery effort that will be required once this pandemic situation is resolved.

- Contact your Category Manager if you need to:
 - discuss your businesses situation;
 - change work practices or project delivery requirements; and or
 - request a letter of support (such as confirmation of being a provider to an essential service).

These are challenging times and TasNetworks will collaboratively work with its providers to ensure ongoing support so that when we transition to a recovery stage, and we will, that we are ready to continue developing Tasmania's electricity supply network together.

Thank you for you effort. We value you as a partner and are here to help.

Stay safe and healthy,

Ian Williamson

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