

# KEY RESOURCES FOR AUSTRALIAN RED MEAT AND LIVESTOCK BUSINESSES + RED MEAT 2030 PARTNERS

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Inclusive: Business, Markets, Health, Treasuries, Food Safety, Agriculture  
*\*please provide additional inputs\**

## Business

- Australian banks will defer loan repayments for small businesses affected by COVID-19 for six months- [Australian Banking Association announcement](#).
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Snap-shot of Commonwealth, State and Territory response](#)
- Australian Meat Industry Council COVID-19 real time updates for: [People, Product + Business](#).
- [Treasury's Business Liaison Unit](#).
- [ABS products](#) to measure the economic impact of the coronavirus.
- Fair Work Ombudsman hotline: 13 13 94 and [website](#) set up to answer specific workplace-related questions.
- Further
- [Coronavirus and corporations — What you need to know](#)
- [Consumer guarantees and refunds for coronavirus affected travel plans](#)
- [Is the coronavirus infecting your business contracts?](#)
- [ACCC Information for consumers](#) - event/travel cancellations, product price increases.
- Nine news is making changes Reporting resources moving to metro areas so shutting down regional bulletins in Darwin, Cairns, Townsville, Rockhampton, Wide Bay, Sunshine Coast TCN, Illawarra, Canberra, Central West, Riverina GTV Ballarat, Bendigo, Albury/Shepparton and Gippsland

## Markets

- [Rabobank Coronavirus Food + Agribusiness](#)
- [MLA Prices + Markets](#) (NB no specific COVID-19 resource currently)
- [Austrade](#) updates for exporters.
- Major supermarkets [Coles](#), [Woolworths](#) and [Aldi](#), as well as [Lion and Unilever](#) have announced a range of measures to support customers, team members and the community.
- Qld has [brought in new laws](#) to allow 24-hour restocking in supermarkets. [NSW and VIC have followed suit](#), removing supermarket curfews.
- Australians more concerned about economy than health in coronavirus pandemic - [article](#) on Newgate Research

## Health

State/Territory	Link
Federal	<p><a href="https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/coronavirus">https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/coronavirus</a>  <a href="#">Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) Declaration 2020</a></p> <p><a href="#">COVID-19 clinics to help combat coronavirus community spread</a>  <a href="#">50–50 public health partnership in response to COVID-19 (coronavirus)</a>            The <a href="#">ABC has compiled</a> a national database showing the spread of COVID-19 cases.            Deputy Chief Medical Officer <a href="#">announced</a> limits on dispensing certain prescription medicines and other pharmaceutical products.  <a href="#">Coronavirus Drug Update: The Latest Info On Pharmaceutical Treatments And Vaccines</a></p> <p><a href="#">Public Health and Other Legislation (Public Health Emergency) Amendment Bill 2020</a> tabled.</p>
ACT	<p><a href="#">ACT Department of Health</a>            Coronavirus Health Information Line: 1800 020 080            Communicable Diseases Control information line on 5124 9213 for anyone on listed flights to/from Canberra on Sunday March 8:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FLIGHT 1: 6.45am QF1509 Sydney to Canberra, and</li> <li>• FLIGHT 2: 2.35pm VA651 Canberra to Sydney.</li> </ul>
New South Wales	<p><a href="#">NSW Health</a>            Healthdirect 1800 022 222</p>
Northern Territory	<p><a href="#">NT Department of Health</a>            COVID Hotline: 1800 008 002            If in Darwin, call Public Health Unit for testing: 8922 8044</p>
South Australia	<p><a href="#">SA Health</a>            If an individual has COVID-19 symptoms, advised to contact GP or visit a COVID-19 clinic to seek testing. Can also call the National Coronavirus Information Hotline on 1800 020 080</p>
Tasmania	<p><a href="#">Tasmanian Department of Health and Human Services</a>  <a href="#">Primary Health Tasmania</a>            Tasmanian Public Health Hotline, 1800 671 738</p> <p>State of emergency <a href="#">declared</a> in Tasmania.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From midnight, Friday 20 March, all non-essential travellers departing for Tasmania will be required to quarantine for 14 days.</li> </ul>
<b>Victoria</b>	<a href="#">Victoria Health and Human Services</a> Dedicated COVID-19 Hotline 1800 675 398
<b>Western Australia</b>	<a href="#">WA Department of Health</a> Coronavirus Health Information Line 1800 020 080
<b>Queensland</b>	<a href="#">Queensland Health</a> 13HEALTH (13 43 25 84)

### Treasury (i.e. Federal + State Based Support/ Stimulus)

State/Territory	Link
<b>Federal</b>	<p><a href="#">Economic Response to the Coronavirus</a></p> <p>The Morrison Government also announced a \$17.6 billion economic plan on the 12 March 2020. The targeted stimulus package is focused on keeping Australians in jobs and helping small and medium sized businesses to stay in business, with four parts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Supporting business investment</li> <li>- Providing cash flow assistance for SMEs to stay in business and keep their employees in jobs</li> <li>- Targeted support for the most severely affected sectors, regions and communities</li> <li>- Household stimulus payments that will benefit the wider economy</li> <li>- The Government is also offering administrative relief for certain tax obligations, including deferring tax payments up to four months.</li> </ul> <p>\$15 billion to enable smaller lenders to continue supporting Australian consumers and small businesses with low-cost loans.</p> <p>Cash rate target reduced to 0.25 per cent - <a href="#">RBA</a></p>
<b>ACT</b>	<p>ACT Government has <a href="#">announced</a> a \$137 million dollar package. Further stimulus announcements likely over the next 12 months.</p> <p>Households</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$150 rates rebate for every household</li> <li>- \$200 rebate to households receiving the utilities concession</li> <li>- Vehicle registration, public transport ticketing and parking fees to be frozen at current levels</li> </ul>

	<p>Businesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$2,622 credit to commercial rates bill</li> <li>- \$750 rebate to small businesses through their next electricity bill</li> <li>- Businesses that pay up to \$10m in wages will be able to defer payroll tax for 12 months</li> <li>- Affected industries will receive a one-off six month waiver on payroll tax</li> <li>- Taxi and rideshare fees waived</li> <li>- Food and liquor licence fees waived</li> <li>- \$20m fund for simple infrastructure works on public buildings</li> <li>- Funding for clubs to retain casual staff</li> <li>- Public sector staff in events or entertainment redeployed to maintenance works</li> </ul> <p>Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$500,000 in arts grant funding brought forward</li> <li>- \$7m package for non-government organisations to meet increased demand for social services</li> <li>- Additional funding for Lifeline</li> </ul>
<b>New South Wales</b>	<p>The New South Wales Government has <a href="#">announced</a> a \$2.3 billion coronavirus stimulus package, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$700 million to boost services NSW Health</li> <li>- \$450 million to wave payroll tax for businesses with payrolls up to \$10 million for 3 months.</li> <li>- \$80 million to waive fees and charges for small businesses in the café and restaurant trades</li> <li>- \$250 million for public schools and state-owned buildings for cleaners.</li> <li>- \$750 million will be spent on capital works and maintenance of public assets</li> </ul>
<b>Northern Territory</b>	<p>\$60 million coronavirus stimulus package <a href="#">announced</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Owners of residential and investment properties will receive a \$6,000 grant for renovations with a co-contribution of \$2,000.</li> <li>- Eligible businesses will get an initial \$10,000 grant for upgrades, and another \$10,000 with a \$10,000 co-contribution.</li> <li>- The Government will announce another \$10 million worth of stimulus packages today (18 March).</li> </ul>
<b>South Australia</b>	<p>\$350 million stimulus package <a href="#">announced</a>. Exact details difficult to find.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Double the Planning and Development Fund available this year to \$50 million, when matched with the local government contribution on a 50:50 basis.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The state government is bringing forward investment on some road and hospital upgrades, and also injecting funds into tourism infrastructure</li> </ul>
<b>Tasmania</b>	<p><a href="#">\$420 million support package</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$20 million - interest free loans to hospitality, tourism, seafood and exports sectors for small businesses with less than \$5 million turnover for purchasing equipment or restructuring business operations. Interest free for a period of up to three years.</li> <li>• Waive payroll tax for the last four months of this financial year for hospitality, tourism and seafood industry businesses.</li> <li>• Other SMEs with annual payroll of up to \$5 million in Australian wages- apply to have payroll tax waived for 3 months, based on immediate business impact.</li> <li>• Introduce a youth employment payroll tax rebate scheme for young people from 1 April 2020.</li> <li>• \$50 million in interest free loans over 3 years will be made available to encourage local governments to invest and employ more Tasmanians to upgrade, renovate and to do necessary maintenance to improve our tourism assets</li> <li>• Immediately bring forward of \$50 million for maintenance of public buildings over the next 12 months.</li> <li>• \$2.1 million for one-off \$5,000 grants for businesses that hire an apprentice or trainees.</li> <li>• Unless otherwise required by contractual arrangements, the normal terms of trade for payments by government agencies will be reduced from 30 days to 14 days.</li> <li>• One-off emergency relief payments of \$250 for individuals and up to \$1000 for families who are required to self-isolate by public health as a result of coronavirus.</li> <li>• \$1 million through Communities Tasmania to organisations such as the Salvation Army, The Red Cross and Rural Business Tas.</li> <li>• \$2 million to our primary health care sector to ensure that GPs, pharmacists and other health care providers are supported.</li> <li>• \$1 million available to support front line workers with accommodation, such as in circumstances where their family members are ill, so they can continue to contribute to our response.</li> <li>• additional \$1 million in grants to mental health organisations</li> <li>• Establish emergency accommodation support fund of \$1 million for individuals and families.</li> <li>• 50 per cent discount on liquor licencing fees and waive all application fees for the calendar year 2020, back dated to 1 January 2020.</li> <li>• \$100,000 in support to the Tourism Industry Council of Tasmania and the Tasmanian Hospitality Association for training and support of workers in the tourism and hospitality sectors</li> <li>• \$80,000 assistance for Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry to provide advice to businesses</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the fourth quarter of 2019-20, the Government will waive tourism operator lease, license and entry fees to support around 300 tourism businesses.</li> <li>• We have already provided for annual fees and levies to be paid by instalment in, rock lobster, giant crab and fin fisheries, and for abalone divers. These fees will now be waived for 12 months at a cost of \$670,000.</li> </ul> <p>Removal of the efficiency dividend on State Government agencies over the forward estimates.</p>
<b>Victoria</b>	<p>No specific, State package announced as yet.</p> <p>The Victorian Chamber has given all Victorian businesses free access to its expert services and advice lines by waiving membership fees for our two entry level memberships for all businesses and providing \$500 credit to existing members for training and services.</p>
<b>Western Australia</b>	<p>West Australian Government <a href="#">announced</a> a \$607 million economic stimulus package.</p> <p>The package includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$607 million stimulus package to support WA households and small businesses in the wake of COVID-19</li> <li>- \$402 million to freeze household fees and charges until at least July 1, 2021</li> <li>- Freeze will apply to entire 'household basket', including electricity, water, motor vehicle charges, emergency services levy and public transport fares</li> <li>- Energy Assistance Payment (EAP) doubled to \$600 to support vulnerable Western Australians, including pensioners</li> <li>- \$114 million in additional measures to support small businesses</li> <li>- Small businesses that pay payroll tax will receive a one-off grant of \$17,500</li> <li>- \$1 million payroll tax threshold brought forward by six months to July 1, 2020</li> <li>- Businesses impacted by COVID-19 can defer payroll tax payments until July 21, 2020</li> </ul>
<b>Queensland</b>	<p><a href="#">Business Queensland</a> are providing assistance for businesses impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak through the Market Diversification and Resilience Grants (MDRG) program- <a href="#">priority will be given to businesses directly impacted by the coronavirus outbreak.</a></p>

	<p>The program has 2 components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• equipment purchases             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Equipment purchase grants of up to \$7,500 (excluding GST) are available to support new equipment purchases up to a maximum cost of \$10,000 (excluding GST).</li> <li>○ Applicants must contribute 25% of the total cost of the new equipment. The MDRG program will provide the remaining 75% of total costs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• projects.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Project grants of up to \$50,000 (excluding GST) will be available to support project activities including, but not limited to:                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• market evaluation studies</li> <li>• market visits</li> <li>• staff training</li> <li>• new equipment such as refrigeration</li> <li>• boat modifications necessary to meet market requirements.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Applicants must co-invest 50% of the total cost of their project activities or equipment purchases and should provide evidence of their contributions both in-kind (e.g. reasonable salary costs for key personnel, freight costs) and cash. Cash contributions must be at least 25% of total project costs.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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**Safety**

State/Territory	Link
Federal	Various links related to health and safety in the workplace available <a href="#">here</a> .
ACT	<a href="#">Safe Work Australia</a>
New South Wales	<a href="#">Safework NSW</a>
Northern Territory	<a href="#">SecureNT</a>

	Other resources: <a href="https://securant.nt.gov.au/alerts/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/resources">https://securant.nt.gov.au/alerts/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/resources</a>
South Australia	<a href="#">SafeWork SA</a> <a href="#">SA Health link for Business and Industry</a>
Tasmania	<a href="#">WorkSafe Tasmania</a>
Victoria	<a href="#">WorkSafe Victoria</a>
Western Australia	<a href="#">WorkCover WA</a> - refers to Department of Health website for further information. <a href="#">WA Business and Industry Advice</a>
Queensland	<a href="#">Work Cover Queensland</a>

### Agriculture

Most State/Territory Governments have a health response in place, but no specific agriculture response as yet. Expect this to change as the virus spreads and industries are further impacted.

State/Territory	Link
<b>Federal</b>	Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment - <a href="#">Coronavirus advice</a> (general)
<b>ACT</b>	No specific government agriculture response at this stage.
<b>New South Wales</b>	No specific agriculture response at this stage. News story - <a href="#">Sydney Royal Easter Show cancelled due to coronavirus</a>
<b>Northern Territory</b>	No specific government agriculture response at this stage.
<b>South Australia</b>	No specific government agriculture response at this stage.
<b>Tasmania</b>	•
<b>Victoria</b>	No specific government agriculture response at this stage:  News story - <a href="#">Victoria's saleyards are drawing up contingency plans for COVID-19</a>  <a href="#">Coronavirus' has "known unknowns" for Victorian agriculture</a>

<p><b>Western Australia</b></p>	<p>No specific government agriculture response at this stage:  <a href="#">State Hazard Plan- Animal and Plant Biosecurity</a></p>
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## Food Safety

Most State/Territory information related to food safety links back to the relevant State/Territory Department of Health page, and the Federal Department of Health encouraging good hygiene practices. If a specific link exists it has been included in the table.

State/Territory	Link
Federal	National link- Australian Institute of Food Safety - <a href="#">How Does COVID-19 Affect the Food Industry?</a> AUS-MEAT and AUS-QUAL - <a href="#">COVID-19 Policy</a>
ACT	National link- Australian Institute of Food Safety - <a href="#">How Does COVID-19 Affect the Food Industry?</a>
New South Wales	<a href="#">COVID FAQs</a> (no specific food safety)
Northern Territory	Department of Health Tasmania <a href="#">link</a> .
South Australia	<a href="#">Food Safety</a> - under Disease Prevention link <a href="#">Food Safety</a> - HealthDirect SA link
Tasmania	
Victoria	<a href="#">Advice for food businesses on Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)</a>
Western Australia	<a href="#">Western Australia Government Pandemic Plan</a> - includes reference for Local Government's key responsibility to assist with monitoring food safety
Queensland	<a href="#">Safe Food Queensland</a>

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