

Appendix 1¹

COVID-19 related legislation

6 to 24 June 2020

Bill/ Instrument	Date registered	Description	Comment
Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Corporate Plans) Rules 2020 [F2020L00677]	9/06/2020	This instrument prescribes a different publication date for 2020-21 corporate plans for entities and companies impacted by COVID-19.	No comment
Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Emergency Requirements for Remote Communities) Amendment (No. 5) Determination 2020 [F2020L00683]	10/06/2020	This instrument excludes areas in Queensland which were designated for the purposes of 'Emergency Requirements for Remote Communities' for the purpose of the COVID-19 response. This will take effect on and from 12 June 2020.	No comment
Taxation Administration (Coronavirus Economic Response Package—Ancillary Funds) Amendment Guidelines 2020 [F2020L00684]	11/06/2020	This instrument supports giving by public and private ancillary funds in the 2019-20 and 2020-21 financial years in response to the effects of COVID-19. These ancillary trust funds are eligible to be endorsed as deductible gift recipients. The funds provide financial support for other deductible gift recipients to engage in charitable activities.	No comment
Social Security (Coronavirus Economic Response—2020 Measures No. 10) Determination 2020 [F2020L00690]	11/06/2020	This instrument implements measures to prevent detriment to recipients of social security payments resulting from the impacts of COVID-19. These relate to carer payment and carer allowance, former recipients of wife pension, mobility allowance, and pension portability.	No comment
Coronavirus Economic Support and Recovery (No-one Left Behind) Bill 2020	11/06/2020	This private senator's bill seeks to direct the Finance Minister to create a Coronavirus Economic Support and Recovery Fund;	No comment

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		expand eligibility for the \$550 COVID-19 supplement; and require the Minister to, in creating rules for the JobKeeper scheme, extend eligibility to casuals, temporary visa holders, intermittent workers, and not exclude foreign owned entities.	
Education Legislation Amendment (2020 Measures No. 1) Bill 2020	11/06/2020	Schedule 4 of this bill seeks to provide undergraduate students seeking FEE-HELP loans with an exemption from the requirement to pay the 25 per cent loan fee for units of study with census dates from 1 April to 30 September 2020, thereby reducing the financial burden on these students during that period.	No comment on this Schedule
ASIC Corporations (Amendment) Instrument 2020/565 [F2020L00697]	12/06/2020	This instrument specifies that the following temporary relief measures related to COVID-19 will cease to operate six months after they commenced: ASIC Corporations (Share and Interest Purchase Plans) Instrument 2019/547, ASIC Corporations (Trading Suspensions Relief) Instrument 2020/289 and ASIC Corporations (COVID-19 – Advice-related Relief) Instrument 2020/355.	No comment
Treasury Laws Amendment (2020 Measures No. 3) Bill 2020	12/06/2020	This bill (which passed on 18 June 2020) authorises the minister to enter into an agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for Australia to provide loans to the IMF, which plays a key role in responding to the coronavirus crisis. The bill would also ensure that the Treasurer can continue to enter into agreements with other countries to provide them with financial assistance in support of a program of the IMF. Further, the bill would provide for instant asset write offs connected with	No comment

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		the economic conditions created by the pandemic, and clarify the application of cash flow boost provisions.	
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Regulations 2020 [F2020L00698]	12/06/2020	These regulations waive permission-related fees for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 in order to provide urgent temporary relief from the financial pressures currently faced by Great Barrier Reef Marine Park permission holders and permission applicants, including tourism operators, as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.	No comment
Fair Work Amendment (Variation of Enterprise Agreements No. 2) Regulations 2020 [F2020L00702]	12/06/2020	These regulations amend the Fair Work Regulations 2009 to repeal amendments made by the Fair Work Amendment (Variation of Enterprise Agreements) Regulations 2020, which modified the period that employees must have access to a copy of a proposed variation of an enterprise agreement, and before which employees must be notified of the details of the vote on the variation (the 'access period'), from seven days to one day. This measure was intended to be a time-limited change to enable employers and their employees to quickly respond to issues that may arise in response to COVID-19. These new regulations mean the access period will revert to the previous period of seven days.	No comment
Intellectual Property Laws Amendment (Fee Exemptions) Regulations 2020 [F2020L00703]	12/06/2020	These regulations give the Registrar of Plant Breeder's Rights and the Registrar of Trade Marks new powers to exempt specified classes of persons from the payment of the whole or part of a fee prescribed in the principal regulations. This is intended to address financial	No comment

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		consequences as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.	
Statement of Principles concerning coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) (Reasonable Hypothesis) (No. 46 of 2020) [F2020L00709]	12/06/2020	This instrument is the Statement of Principles concerning coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) (Reasonable Hypothesis). It is used in the assessment of any COVID-19 related claims by veterans and members of the military for rehabilitation and compensation.	No comment
Statement of Principles concerning coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) (Balance of Probabilities) (No. 47 of 2020) [F2020L00710]	12/06/2020	This instrument is the Statement of Principles concerning coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) (Balance of Probabilities). It is used in the assessment of any COVID-19 related claims by veterans and members of the military for rehabilitation and compensation.	No comment
Fair Work Amendment (One in, All in) Bill 2020	15/06/2020	This private member's bill seeks to extend the Fair Work Commission's jurisdiction to deal with disputes about whether an employee is eligible for the JobKeeper scheme; require it to give effect to the Jobkeeper 'one in, all in' principle; and give it the power to make an order to give effect to this principle, including making an order that an employee is eligible for the Jobkeeper payment.	No comment
Fair Work Amendment (One in, All in) Bill 2020 [No. 2]	15/06/2020	This private senator's bill seeks to extend the Fair Work Commission's jurisdiction to deal with disputes about whether an employee is eligible for the JobKeeper scheme; require it to give effect to the Jobkeeper 'one in, all in' principle; and give it the power to make an order to give effect to this principle, including making an order that an employee is eligible for the Jobkeeper payment.	No comment
Health Insurance (General	15/06/2020	This instrument prescribes a new	No

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Medical Services Table Regulations (No. 2) 2020 [F2020L00711]		table of general medical services and increases the schedule fee by 1.5 per cent for most of the general medical services. This applies the temporary increase in schedule fees for the bulk-billing incentive items on an ongoing basis. The schedule fee was temporarily increased to encourage medical practitioners to provide bulk-billed services during the COVID-19 pandemic.	comment
Health Insurance (Diagnostic Imaging Services Table) Regulations (No. 2) 2020 [F2020L00713]	15/06/2020	These regulations prescribe a new table of diagnostic imaging services, and increase the schedule fee by 1.5 percent for some diagnostic imaging services from 1 July 2020. This applies the temporary increase in schedule fees for the bulk-billing diagnostic imaging services on an ongoing basis. The fee was temporarily increased to encourage the provision of bulk-billed services during the COVID-19 pandemic.	No comment
Export Market Development Grants (Export Performance Requirements) Amendment (2019-20 Grant Year) Instrument 2020 [F2020L00722]	16/06/2020	This instrument provides that the Export Market Development Grants (Export Performance Requirements) Instrument 2018 will not apply for grant year 2019-20. This means for some applicants, the calculation of 50 per cent of all the applicant's eligible expenses less \$2,500 will be applied. This instrument is part of the legislative response to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 response.	No comment
CASA EX90/20 — Helicopter Aircrew Members Amendment Instrument 2020 (No. 1) [F2020L00724]	16/06/2020	This instrument extends the deadline for training requirements from 30 June 2020 to 31 December 2020, noting that travel restrictions imposed due to the COVID-19 pandemic have made it impracticable to conduct the training by 30 June 2020.	No comment
Paid Parental Leave Amendment	16/06/2020	This instrument provides that	No

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(Coronavirus Economic Response) Rules 2020 [F2020L00726]		people who have been in receipt of Jobkeeper may to continue to meet the work test for Paid Parental Leave (PPL), or Dad and Partner Pay (DaPP). It further provides that a person who has returned to work in response to a state, territory or national emergency (which includes the COVID-19 pandemic) can continue to receive their PPL or DaPP entitlement.	comment
Therapeutic Goods (Charges) Amendment (2020 Measures No. 1) Regulations 2020 [F2020L00727]	16/06/2020	These regulations increase the annual charges for most products by 1.95 per cent, for the financial year 2020-21. Further, the regulations provide a 50 per cent decrease in the amount that would otherwise have applied to prostheses under the proposed 1.95 per cent increase, in order to alleviate the impact of reductions in elective surgeries as a result of COVID-19 pandemic.	No comment
Health Insurance (Pathology Services Table) Amendment (Indexation) Regulations 2020 [F2020L00728]	16/06/2020	These regulations increase the fees of two Medicare Benefits Schedule items by 1.5 per cent, to help encourage medical professionals to bulk bill patients during the COVID-19 pandemic. The regulations also clarify that two tests or more under item 69494 for a detection of a virus, microbial antigen or microbial nucleic acid are required.	No comment
National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Amendment (2020 Measures No. 2) Rules 2020 [F2020L00733]	17/06/2020	This instrument provides that the Minister may, until 31 December 2020, declare that an institution, other than a defunct institution, is a participating institution in the scheme. The explanatory materials provide that the extended period of time reflects the time it takes to become a participating institution and takes into account the changed capacity of many institutions due	No comment

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		to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.	
Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Section 75 Transfers) Amendment Determination 2019-2020 (No. 7) [F2020L00737]	17/06/2020	This instrument implements machinery of government changes resulting from the Government's communications response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This reflects a transfer of resources from the Department of the Treasury to the Department of Health for COVID-19 communications campaign activities.	No comment
Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (Indexation) Determination 2020 [F2020L00742]	17/06/2020	This instrument increases the schedule fee by 1.5 per cent for specified the health services. This means that patients will receive a higher Medicare benefit for these services from 1 July 2020. The explanatory materials note that the relevant items are temporary services which enable patients to access many health services during the COVID-19 pandemic.	No comment
Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Emergency Requirements for Remote Communities) Amendment (No.6) Determination 2020 [F2020L00752]	18/06/2020	This instrument excludes three designated areas in South Australia from the COVID-19 related emergency entry and exist requirements for remote communities.	No comment
ASIC Market Integrity Rules (Securities Markets) Class Waiver Amendment Instrument 2020/586 [F2020L00764]	19/06/2020	This instrument extends, by 19 months, a class waiver exemption, which applies to the extent that the rules require a Market Participant to provide a confirmation to a wholesale client for a market transaction in a derivatives market contract. The explanatory materials state that this will enable participants to focus on their immediate priorities and the needs of their customers during the COVID-19 pandemic.	No comment
Social Security (Coronavirus	20/06/2020	This instrument temporarily	No

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Economic Response—2020 Measures No. 11) Determination 2020 [F2020L00765]		extends qualification for income support payments and concessions, where a recipient would otherwise cease to qualify due to a change in their or their partner's employment income. It is made in response to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.	comment