xx July 2021

The Hon. [INSERT FIRST NAME AND LAST NAME] MP

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address

Suburb NSW Postcode

Dear Mr/Mrs/Dr [INSERT LAST NAME]

**Re: Call to re-commence landscaping works**

I operate a business in the landscaping industry – an industry which contributes more than $1.68 billion into the NSW economy annually, contains over 4,200 businesses and provides employment for in-excess of 64,000 people. I write to you to call for the urgent re-opening of the landscaping industry on the following grounds:

* + - * We operate exclusively in outdoor settings and most often with no contact with clients, home-owners or members of the public generally. Hence, we present minimal risk of transmission of the virus.
* Our work is generally carried out on one site at a time, often for weeks or months and do not tend to move from site to site each day. We see the continued operation of landscaping works as such low risk as to outweigh the economic and personal devastation the close down brings.
* Pre lock-down, our business was already undertaking the following risk minimisation practices, and we are ready to recommence work under the same conditions:
	+ QR codes in place on all work sites
	+ Regular cleaning of vehicles and equipment
	+ Allocation of vehicles and equipment within teams to reduce potential contamination between teams
	+ Allocating staff within teams, so that should one team member fall ill, the whole team can be rostered off for a suitable quarantine period and be replaced by a new ‘clean’ team
	+ Regular staff screening for COVID-19 symptoms
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	+ Minimised movement of staff between job sites
	+ Staff not permitted on site/at work should they have even minimal symptoms
	+ Office-based staff working from home
	+ Client meetings held via phone/video
* It has been revealed that the decision to pause construction works was not based on health advice, therefore, given the extremely low risk presented by landscaping businesses the immediate re-opening will reduce the economic impact of the lock-down in NSW.

I call on your support in seeking the immediate re-opening of the landscaping sector, in the interests of the welfare of my team, but also of the NSW economy.

Yours sincerely

Name

Position

Company

Email

Phone

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