

Initial Impact Assessment of COVID-19 on the Pilbara Economy

Regional Development Australia (RDA) Pilbara in collaboration with the four Pilbara Chambers of Commerce and Industry have produced an Initial Impact Assessment of COVID-19 on the Pilbara Economy report.

The impact of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) on Australia is gradually emerging through a rapid mobilisation of economic, financial and statistical data. At the Federal level the Treasury, Reserve Bank, and the Australian Bureau of Statistics are the main sources, while a wide range of academic, financial and economic researchers have been interpreting the data. At the WA State level, the Office of the Premier and Cabinet and the Treasury have been the main economic respondents to the pandemic.

Looking to the future post-virus, it is essential that Local, State and Federal Governments focus their funding on

productive assets, meaning assets that must generate a market-related return on investment, stimulate employment and/or generate an equivalent increase in government tax revenue.

Given that this report is an initial review of the COVID-19 impact the intention is to provide broad-brush recommendations specific to the Pilbara region, which could then be taken up for in-depth assessment by the relevant agencies.

To read this report please visit the RDA Pilbara website: www.rdapilbara.org.au.



Introducing the Trade Mark COVID-19 Helpline

IP Australia have established a free support and assistance service for small to medium Australian businesses who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and want more information about trade mark registration in this new environment.

It is suitable for businesses who have changed or expanded their business offerings due to pandemic effects on the marketplace, and specifically for those who are interested in understanding the options available to them around trade mark registration.

Link to website:

<https://www.ipaustralia.gov.au/trade-marks/managing-your-trade-mark/introducing-trade-mark-covid-19-helpline>.

Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program

The Australian Government has announced a new \$500 million Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

This program will support local councils to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects across Australia, supporting jobs and the resilience of local economies to help communities bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The package of support will help local councils support jobs and businesses by delivering priority projects focused on infrastructure upgrades and maintenance.

Guidelines for the Program will be provided directly to local governments by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications.

Allocations under the Financial Assistance Grant and Local Road and Community Infrastructure programs can be found at <https://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/lrci>.

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