



## Essential plumbing services required during lockdown

### Essential Plumbing Work

- Burst pipes
- Hot water breakdowns - repairs and replacements
- Hot water maintenance for large multi-unit buildings
- Backflow prevention device testing in buildings still being occupied (any non-occupied buildings can wait until restrictions are reduced)
- Repairs to toilets that are failing to flush or operate
- All general maintenance of hospitals and other medical facilities or emergency services buildings
- All general maintenance of institutions such as gaols, etc
- All general maintenance of aged care residential facilities
- Any failure to the potable water supply that prevents the resident from being able to effectively use it for drinking and sanitation purposes
- Ongoing maintenance to all larger buildings (such as Government departments) that are lying dormant (see the attached as an example). If there is no occupancy some of these buildings will develop issues such as “dead legs” causing legionella build-up, seized pumps etc.
- Ongoing maintenance to all local and federal Government buildings other than medical still operating essential services during stricter lockdowns: e.g. Parliament House, Department of Social Services
- Ongoing maintenance of service /petrol stations and transport distribution centres in order keep transport going (and ensure supply chains)
- Ongoing maintenance of essential Crèches and other child facilities (such as schools)

### Essential Drainage Work

- Sewer Blockages
- Sewer repairs where in-action will cause continued sewer blockages, sewage spills or sewer gas escape
- Sewer Pump repairs and maintenance
- Stormwater Pump repairs and maintenance
- Stormwater blockages and repairs where flooding stormwater will cause damage to property

### **Essential Gasfitting Work**

- Gas leaks
- Gas heating repairs and servicing - (especially servicing due to the need of inspection for carbon monoxide)
- Gas cooking repairs / replacements where residents do not have reasonable access to other cooking methods

### **Essential Roofing Work**

- Roofing repairs where inaction will cause significant damage to property (including issues still not fixed from hail damage)

### **Essential Air-conditioning Work**

- Air-conditioning repairs involving plumbing infrastructure

### **All other Critical Maintenance**

- Any maintenance or repair to a facility that provides essential services (such as supermarkets etc). While ever these places are required to operate, they will need to ensure that they are meeting WHS obligations to their staff and customers
- Any other repairs to residential facilities not mentioned above that pertain to hygiene and safety

