

## Veterinary Surgeons' Board of WA

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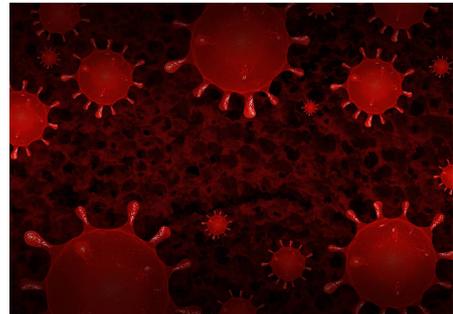
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### FROM THE REGISTRAR

The Board has received a number of queries about whether veterinary services would be classed as essential services by the Government. The Board has been seeking clarification and has received the following information today.

See the [link](#) to the Department of Food Water and Agriculture website which in part states:



#### Essential services

"To slow the outbreak, Australia has introduced restrictions on non-essential gatherings and businesses.

Farming, food and beverage production are not impacted. Also exempt are those who support these businesses. These include:

- veterinarians
- diesel mechanics
- feed and hay production
- freight"

[In a statement to Guardian Australia, The Minister for Agriculture, Davic Littleproud said:](#)

"Veterinarians provide essential services to the agricultural sector and the general public.

The federal government has not placed any restrictions on their ability to operate.

The only confusion that has been created has been from some states closing borders but they have assured us that vets will still have the ability to operate across borders."

The Board will continue to seek information and provide updates on restrictions and other COVID-19 matters that will affect the veterinary profession.

Dr Sue Godkin  
Registrar

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## RADIOLOGICAL COUNCIL - REMINDER OF OBLIGATIONS REGARDING STORAGE, SELLING OR DISPOSAL OF RADIOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT OR LASERS

The Radiological Council has provided an [information sheet](#) outlining what you need to know regarding the storage, selling or disposal of radiographic equipment during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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## RESEARCH PARTICIPATION REQUEST

Researchers from Macquarie University are requesting assistance with a project studying mental health in veterinary surgeons.

In recent years, the veterinary community has supported us to conduct valuable research on veterinarian wellbeing. Such research has informed our understanding of some of the critical issues affecting the veterinarian community. We are asking for your support once again for new research. This new research investigates *how* and *why* performing animal euthanasia and other job-related stressors impact the resilience, work engagement, and mental health of Australian veterinarians.

Receive a \$15 e-gift card for completing a 20 minute survey. To find out more visit <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/euthanasia/> or contact Dr Monique Crane at [monique.crane@mq.edu.au](mailto:monique.crane@mq.edu.au)

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