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# MEMORANDUM

**To:** NSW Regional Executive Committee, NSW Planning and Environment Committee, NSW Technical Committee  
**cc:** Craig Jenion, Toni Bull, Greg Weller, Kristin Brookfield  
**From:** David Bare  
**Date:** Thursday, 2 April 2020  
**Subject:** **CONSTRUCTION HOURS EXTENDED TO SUPPORT INDUSTRY DURING COVID-19**

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Today Minister Stokes [announced](#) that construction site working hours have been extended state wide to include weekends and public holidays.

The [order](#) allows you to work the hours on weekends and public holidays for which you are permitted to work onsite during the week (under an existing approval).

The order requires that on these days the following measures are observed to mitigate the impact on the community:

Work must “*not involve the carrying out of rock breaking, rock hammering, sheet piling, pile driving or similar activities during the hours of work or operation that would not be permitted but for this Order, and **take all feasible and reasonable measures to minimise noise**”.*

As a member of the Peak Body reference group COVID-19 response run by the Department of Planning Industry and Environment (DPIE), HIA called for more flexible working hours on building sites and I applaud Minister Stokes and DPIE for responding.

This will assist tradespeople exercising the [HIA Making Space on Site guidelines](#).

Regards

David Bare