

26<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Prime Minister and State Ministers

RE: ESSENTIAL SERVICES / PRODUCTS CLASSIFICATION DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Australian Battery Industry Association is an industry group whose membership accounts for 95% of truck, car, marine and industrial battery supply in Australia. On behalf of our members, we are seeking confirmation that our products and supply chain are considered essential services/products through the current COVID-19 pandemic.

The supply chain, wholesale, retail and roadside assistance services of our members are vital to ensuring the mobility of the logistics industry and the general public during these challenging times.

The industry also provides batteries and services relating to motive power, electric forklifts, NBN units, solar panels, generators, emergency back-up power systems and UPS batteries, all of which are vital at this time of crisis.

Throughout the industry, we have taken measures to protect our staff and our customers and will adhere to all guidelines set by our National and State health authorities.

We would greatly appreciate the inclusion of our submission for any deliberation regarding essential services/products.

Thank you for your time and consideration during this unprecedented and difficult time.

Kind Regards,



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