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The Right Hon. Premier and  
Minister for Public Sector Management,  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor Dumas House,  
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Premier,

**RE: EXTENSION OF PUBLIC SECTOR RELATIONS APPROACH – “CIRCULAR 5/2020 – COVID 19 LEAVE AND OTHER FLEXIBILITIES” TO ALL WA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES**

The organisation writes as a matter of priority on behalf of its members employed in the Local Government Sector in respect to Sector’ approach to assisting their employees in respect to dealing with the Corona Virus Pandemic.

We congratulate the Government on the decisive steps taken as per the above- mentioned directive. This has greatly comforted our members employed at the Metropolitan Cemeteries Boards and the Botanical Gardens and Parks Authority.

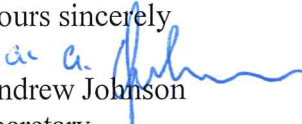
Unfortunately, after communicating with a wide range of Local Government Authorities on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March 2020 seeking advice from them as to all the steps they are taking to protect and assist their employees, we have had responses from less than 20% of those communicated with. The responses themselves have been varied and it is concerning that there is no overarching and coherent response in the Industry

As the Industry is already subject to certain provisions of the Public Sector Management Act it seems reasonable that a coherent directive should apply in these extreme circumstances that gives comfort and clarity to affected employees

It is our considered view that CIRCULAR 5/2020 should be extended to the Local Government Sector in this State in its entirety.

We look forward to your advice.

Yours sincerely

  
Andrew Johnson  
Secretary