



FAQ

Environmental Planning and Assessment (COVID-19 Development-Vehicle Sanitisation Stations) Order 2020

Q. What is the Ministerial Order?

A. On 25 March 2020, the NSW Government introduced the [COVID-19 Legislation Amendment \(Emergency Measures\) Bill 2020](#), which made changes to the [Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979](#).

The changes allow the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces to make an order for development to be carried out without the normal planning approval in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public during the COVID-19 pandemic.

These measures will be kept in place until the crisis is over, and reviewed as new issues arise.

The current list of Ministerial Orders below will be updated progressively.

Q. What does the Ministerial Order allow?

A. The Environmental Planning and Assessment (COVID-19 Development-Vehicle Sanitisation Stations) Order 2020 allows development (including temporary building works) for the purpose of a vehicle sanitisation station to be carried out without further development consent as long as certain conditions are met.

Q. How does the Order allow a vehicle sanitisation station to be carried out without further consent?

A. The Order only allows a vehicle sanitisation station to be carried out without further consent if:

- it takes place on land that can lawfully used for industry, a vehicle repair station or is an existing warehouse or distribution centre;
- it is carried out by or on behalf of Transport for NSW;
- owner's consent has been provided;
- the operator continues to comply with existing development consent conditions, except where variation is necessary to operate the vehicle sanitisation station;
- noise is reduced where possible and impacts to neighbouring properties are minimised and;
- any building works are reinstated once the vehicle sanitisation station is no longer operational.



Q. How does the Ministerial Order help to protect point to point transport drivers and passengers?

A. The Order is necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of members of the public during the COVID-19 pandemic as it facilitates the use of certain buildings or places as vehicle sanitisation stations to help mitigate against the potential spread of COVID-19.

Q. Were any experts consulted to make the Ministerial Order?

A. The Minister for Planning and Public Spaces consulted with the Minister for Health and Medical Research in relation to the making of this Order.

Q. When does the Ministerial Order commence?

A. The Environmental Planning and Assessment (COVID-19 Development-Vehicle Sanitisation Stations) Order 2020 was made on 12 August 2020 and it came into effect immediately.

Q. How long will the Ministerial Order be in place for?

A. This order will be in place until the crisis is over, or another order is made amending these measures.

Q: Is there someone I can talk to in regards to this Order?

A: Information about the order can be found at [\[link to order\]](#). Stakeholders can also contact **1300 903 939** for further information about vehicle sanitisation stations and the order.