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Dear Treasurer

**Joint request from the Landscape, Turf and Greenlife Industry Associations**

We refer to the Prime Ministers announcement on 1 June 2020 of a fourth stimulus package benefiting the construction sector, particularly residential renovations.

Greenlife Industry Australia, Turf Australia and the Landscape Associations of Victoria, NSW & ACT, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia are an alliance of organisations who represent the interests of residential outdoor spaces and the businesses who operate in Landscape and Amenity Horticultural sectors.

We seek the inclusion of **residential landscape construction** and **greenspace installation** in the stimulus package being considered by the Cabinet Expenditure Review Committee this week.

The landscape, turf and greenlife industries collectively represent almost 17,000 businesses who employ approximately 58,000 Australian's. Together, the industries contribute over \$8.8 billion annually to the Australian economy<sup>1</sup>.

The industries jointly benefit from seasonal activity across the Spring and Summer seasons. There is extreme concern that once the existing stimulus packages expire, business and job loss across the industries will be substantial.

The impact of the pandemic on the landscape sector has been significant and the financial ramifications for businesses are troubling. Many landscape construction projects are on hold or have been cancelled and the flow on effects to the turf and greenlife industries has been substantial. With producers handling a 'living product' these circumstances have increased the burden on primary producers already struggling under pressurised circumstances and reduced business income.

**Inclusion of landscape construction and green space installation in the proposed stimulus package will mitigate this impact**, giving confidence to homeowners to invest in their outdoor spaces. It will have the added benefit of supporting mental health and wellbeing; and in some LGA's will support bushfire recovery with the regeneration of residential greenspace.

We submit that homeowners should be given the choice in how they make a capital investment.

We respectfully ask you give full consideration to our request and that you contact Peter Vaughan on 0400 739 802 or via email at [peter.vaughan@greenlifeindustry.com.au](mailto:peter.vaughan@greenlifeindustry.com.au) should you require further information.

Sincerely

  
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<sup>1</sup> E3291Landscaping Services in Australia, IBIS World, May 2019; 18/19 greenlife production 18/19 turf production [https://www.turfaustralia.com.au/about-us/turf-australia/https://www.greenlifeindustry.com.au/Attachment?Action=Download&Attachment\\_id=2249](https://www.turfaustralia.com.au/about-us/turf-australia/https://www.greenlifeindustry.com.au/Attachment?Action=Download&Attachment_id=2249)