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To Whom it May Concern,

The Australian Property Institute would like to confirm that Valuers undertaking property valuations are providing an essential support service to Australia's financial sector and therefore are required to travel as part of their duties.

The API are the leading representative body for property professionals and is the certifying body for professionals undertaking property valuations. To support our members and protect them and the community the API have developed a range of protocols to allow the valuation of property to continue during the COVID-19 pandemic. These protocols include but are not limited to virtual valuations.

Whilst these protocols eliminate the risk of transmission between valuers and the occupiers of the relevant properties, Members are still required to physically inspect the outside of the property. It is therefore possible that Members will be required to travel from within Metropolitan Melbourne to regional areas within Victoria.

Therefore, as this is a supporting essential service to our finance sector, any valuers who are traveling outside the lockdown areas who are conducting valuations should not be subject to penalties resulting from the execution of their duties.



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