

# Members Advisory

## Monday, 30 March 2020



## Essential Services – Authority to travel

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We have received information from our friends at Federated Farmers regarding authorising your employees and contractors travelling to and from your farm during the period of restricted travel as New Zealand responds to COVID-19.

Federated Farmers strongly advises that employees, contractors such as sharemilkers, contract milkers and other independent contractors, working with you should carry a letter authorising them to travel to and from the farm. They must also carry their driver licence with them when travelling.

This letter will explain the holder's reason for travel (Essential Services) and reduce any delay if stopped by the NZ Police who are checking the appropriateness and necessity of travel during lockdown.

Employees, contractors and service providers should be travelling in relation to work supporting our essential services only during this period.

Federated Farmers has prepared a pro forma letter which can be completed and issued as required. The letter can be completed on a computer or printed for hard copy use.

The letter can be found at <https://ruralwomennz.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Essential-Service-Workforce-Primary-Industries-Ltr-Interactive2.pdf>

Thanks again to Federated Farmers for this resource.

**Sincerely**

**Liz Pennington and the National Office team**