COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE ACT 2020

SECTION 18 AUTHORISATION

1. In accordance with section 18 of the COVID-19 Public Health Response Act 2020 (“the Act”), I, Dr Ashley Bloomfield as Director-General of the Ministry of Health, authorise ‘Authorised Officers’ who are employed by WorkSafe New Zealand to carry out the functions and powers of an enforcement officer as further described in this authorisation.
2. I am satisfied that Authorised Officersare suitably qualified and trained persons.
3. Subject to paragraph 4, I authorise Authorised Officers to carry out the following functions and powers of an enforcement officer under the Act:
	1. the power to give directions under section 21;
	2. the power to direct persons to provide identifying information under section 23; and
	3. the power to direct persons to produce evidence of compliance with a specified measure under section 23A.
4. An Authorised Officer can carry out the functions and powers of an enforcement officer set out in paragraph 3 of this authorisation in respect of work and workplaces for which WorkSafe New Zealand is the regulator under section 189 of the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015.
5. This authorisation will take effect from **12 April 2022** and will continue to apply until **31 December 2022**, unless earlier revoked in accordance with section 18(4) of the Act.

Dated at Wellington \_\_\_\_ April 2022

Dr Ashley Bloomfield

**Director-General of Health**