

IP Australia's new Patent Analytics Hub to help fight Covid-19, and temporary no-explanation, free extensions of time

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Abstract:

IP Australia has a new Patents Analytics Hub to assist to fight the global Covid-19 pandemic.

The hub includes a suite of 6 interactive visualisations of patents. These can be used to identify know-how by drilling down into the data and to identify patent applicants to assist the supply and manufacturing capability of:

- · ventilators;
- masks;
- · surgical gowns;
- · goggles;
- vaccines;
- · repurposed drugs; and
- medical diagnostics.

A downloadable spreadsheet setting out search strategies is also available.

Government agencies and publicly funded research organisations can also engage IP Australia to provide analytics reports, tailored to answer specific questions.

IP Australia now providing free, automatic extensions of time for most requests

In addition, IP Australia has made it even easier to request an extension of time for customers impacted by the pandemic, by not requiring any additional written explanation.

The 3 month extension fee will be automatically waived in eServices and will be available to most requests until at least 31 May 2020. See IP Australia's "Business continuity and the coronavirus disease (covid-19) outbreak website, updated 6 May 2020, here.