

BUSINESSES MUST CONSIDER MANDATE

TASMANIAN businesses must complete a risk assessment to determine which of their staff will require vaccinations as part of new rules to be introduced by the government. The government will revise a Public Health direction to mandate that the risk assessments be carried out in line with occupational health and safety laws. Premier Peter Gutwein said businesses had been seeking "guidance" from the government, and he was providing it. "And if required to keep people safe in line with the OHS laws they should then mandate a vaccination policy for those staff that are at higher risk, exactly the same as we are doing in the public service," he said. "The Public Health direction ... is being revised to include a risk assessment to be conducted, and obviously businesses then will need to implement a lawful and reasonable direction in terms of those staff that are at high risk." The government is continuing its own risk assessments for vaccination mandates in the public sector and will begin consultations with employees from next week.
