

ITEM 12

NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR LEIGH COLACINO - MOBILE PHONE RECEPTION BETWEEN COALCLIFF AND SCARBOROUGH

Councillor Leigh Colacino has submitted the following Notice of Motion –

“I formally move that –

- 1 Council write to the Federal and State Ministers for Communications, the Federal and State Ministers for Emergency Services, and Local Members of both Federal and State Governments explaining the need for improved mobile phone reception between the suburbs of Coalcliff and Scarborough in the Northern Suburbs of Wollongong.
- 2 Within the letter refer to the impacts of the current lack of mobile signal in the area when accidents occur on the popular Seacliff Bridge, potentially delaying the attendance of emergency services.”

**Background provided by Councillor Colacino:**

Due to the increased popularity and use of the Seacliff Bridge there have been many accidents, some fatal, which require the attendance of emergency services. However, response to these incidents can be greatly delayed due to a lack of mobile signal of all carriers currently achievable in that area.

Time is an essential element to successfully deal with an emergency, whether that is a road accident, a walking mishap or a fishing tragedy, all of which are constantly being experienced along that section of extremely popular coastline.