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Attention: Lord Mayor Councillor Gordon Bradbery OAM
Mr David Farmer, General Manager

My Lord Mayor and General Manager

The Northern Illawarra Chamber of Commerce Inc (NICC) covers the region from Helensburgh to Thirroul inclusive.

You will be aware from our submission to the Ministerial Roundtable in April that a major issue for small business in our region continues to be reliable internet connection and speed. Small business in our region clearly remain at a competitive disadvantage, particularly those located North of the Sea Cliff Bridge (the 2508 postcode), compared with neighbouring areas of Wollongong or Sutherland Shire. NICC continues to work with NBN Co, service providers and Government to address this competitive disadvantage.

One area where we know Wollongong City Council (WCC) can help our region in accelerating installation of the NBN is to make it mandatory that WCC engage with NBN Co to include NBN infrastructure, such as the laying of conduit, in any street scape work being undertaken by WCC in the 2508 area. This mutually beneficial action would clearly make any future NBN Co installation works easier and more cost effective and reduce the need to dig up and destroy any good work done by WCC. This request was included in our recent submission to WCC for the proposed work later this year in Walker St, Helensburgh.

We ask for your commitment to have our request included in all WCC works in the Northern Illawarra, effective immediately.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Watts', is written over a horizontal line.

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Cr Jill Merrin, Ward 1, WCC
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