

**SUBJECT: BRIEFING - COVID-19 - RESPONSE BY CITY OF
NEWCASTLE**

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PURPOSE

To provide a briefing on the current situation of Covid-19 as it relates to City of Newcastle.

BACKGROUND

Due to the new strain of coronavirus known as COVID-19 outbreak worldwide, the City of Newcastle (CN) have responded in its preparedness to ensure the safety of all staff members and the wider community. CN's response is also to ensure business continuity to minimise risk and to have a controlled, systematic procedural response in place to manage a pandemic.

The City of Newcastle is following the advice from:

- NSW Health
- State and Federal Government
- State Emergency Operations Centre

The City of Newcastle in response have:

- Developed Emergency Management Action Plan (EMAP)
- Formed Emergency Response Team
- Forming a Community and Economic Taskforce Response
- Working with Emergency Management Sector
- Working with other agencies and neighboring councils

This is being done by a focus on:

- Levels of Readiness – STAGES
- Command & Control
- Communications
- Maintaining Business Continuity
- Community Resilience

RECOMMENDATION

The briefing be noted.

REFERENCES

ATTACHMENTS

NIL