

**ITEM 5.3 MAYORAL MINUTE - TELECOMMUNICATION CONTRACTORS
UNSATISFACTORY WORKS IN THE CITY OF CANADA BAY****Attachments:** NilSubmitted by: Councillor Michael Megna (Mayor)

MOTION

That the Mayor write to the relevant Federal Minister detailing concern about the works being undertaken by telecommunication contractors and requesting assistance in ensuring future works are undertaken with minimal impact on Council infrastructure and the community.

BACKGROUND

I wish to address a pressing issue regarding recent telecommunication works being carried out across our Local Government Area. Over the past weeks, we have received numerous complaints from residents about the management of a number of work sites. These works, involving the installation of cabling in our footpaths, grass verges, and roads, are being conducted by external telecommunication contractors independent of council.

We share the community's dissatisfaction with how these works are being managed. In response, we have taken several actions to address these concerns:

Recently, we escalated our concerns to the head telecommunications provider. The company, through their head contractor, has engaged three subcontractors to carry out the works in our area. We have formally advised the company of our concerns and of our expectation that they work closely with Council to address community concerns, safety, and environmental issues.

Furthermore, Council has contacted Safe Work NSW to raise concerns about the work practices and the safety risks posed to our community.

Council facilitated a meeting with the provider, head contractor, and Safe Work NSW and as a result, rectification works to ensure site safety and improvements commenced immediately that night.

A council officer was present to oversee these works, and we will continue to closely monitor the situation to ensure compliance with our standards.

Council is committed to managing the multiple issues across our LGA in collaboration with the provider and their contractors. We are also planning the necessary restoration works to address the damage caused by the cabling activities. This process will take time as we identify, scope, and procure the required works.

We appreciate the wider community's patience and understanding as we work to resolve these issues.

**Michael Megna**

MAYOR