Dear Residents, Visitors and Businesses in Ballina Shire,

I know that many of us in the community are concerned about the current situation with the COVID-19 outbreak.

The information and situation regarding COVID-19, also known as Coronavirus, is changing rapidly. It is important to follow the most up-to-date advice from experts, but this can be difficult given the volume of information out there.

I would encourage everyone to keep up-to-date with the latest information from Government resources, rather than social media and word-of-mouth.

NSW Department of Education Health Direct NSW Health

I am receiving regular updates from NSW Health, the CEO of the North Coast Area Health Service, the Police and Community Health sector on the most up to date information. I am working with Council to assist in ensuring this information and its impacts on our communities is provided as soon as it is available.

As many of our elderly friends and neighbours may not have access to the internet, I encourage everyone to check in with these members of our community and offer assistance and information where you can.

If you are concerned, need access to information or require assistance please do not hesitate to contact my office. We are here to help. Ph: 6685 7522 or email <u>Ballina@parliament.nsw.gov.au</u>

Sincerely,



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