

**ITEM 10 NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR DORAHY - PEDESTRIAN CROSSING LIGHTS**

Councillor Dorahy has submitted the following Notice of Motion –

“I formally move that Wollongong City Council -

- 1 Advance the change of local pedestrian crossing light function to automatic sequencing, to continue indefinitely.
- 2 Change the method of notifying pedestrians to a ‘timed factor’, as is currently in place at select crossings in the city; and
- 3 Apply the approach of ‘automatic sequencing’ and the ‘timed crossing’ factor across all Wollongong LGA intersection pedestrian crossings.”

**Background provided by Councillor Dorahy:**

It is incumbent on Wollongong City Council to ensure the health and safety of its residents and visitors where possible. Of course, this action to continue the functionality of Pedestrian Lights from ‘reactive to proactive’ is of paramount importance in today’s crisis regarding COVID-19 health concerns.

I acknowledge Councillor Rimmer for her initial recommendation for automatic crossing function and congratulate WCC for doing this whilst in this COVID-19 crisis.

Haven’t we noticed a difference in how people approach these pedestrian crossings and you can see a sigh of relief that they do not have to touch the button to request crossing with the lights. I am sure this function has assisted in keeping Wollongong’s number of infections low.

Additionally, the ‘timed crossing’ function is a safety action that assists those pedestrians who are unable to adequately gauge the existing safety function in normal pedestrian crossings and try to rush across at the very last moment, thereby potentially causing injury or a fatality.

Whilst the intention may be to change the functionality back to a reactive function once the COVID-19 pandemic is over, I strongly suggest, for the ongoing good health of residents and visitors, WCC, by way of this Motion continue the proactive approach and maintain the automatic sequencing across the LGA.

I hope fellow Councillors will support this Motion in the knowledge they are considering, have empathy for and are looking out for the good health of its residents and visitors.