# **MEDIA RELEASE – PUBLIC SAFETY MEASURES FOR ALL BCC MEETINGS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

The Belconnen Community Council is committed to ensuring we do everything we can to make our community a stronger and safer place for everyone who lives, works and plays in our district.

In the current circumstances and on the back of the Chief Minister’s [declaration of a Public Health Emergency in the ACT](https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-03-16/coronavirus-act-declares-public-health-emergency/12058658), the BCC Committee have taken the extraordinary step to move all our public meetings [online](https://www.facebook.com/belcouncil/) commencing with our **17 March** meeting.

We have not taken this step lightly; there is no greater expression of community spirit than the exchange of ideas and information in face where feedback is immediate and demonstrable. It is the cornerstone of what we do and who we are as your local Community Council but given the scale of this crisis we recognise our duty of care to all our fellow citizens to help minimise the spread of COVID-19.

Given all the information and advice provided to us, we will continue to run **all our public meetings online until further notice**. We regret the inconvenience this will create for our members, presenters and the broader community and hope that we will be able to resume normal operations in the near future. Please visit our [website](http://www.belcouncil.org.au/) and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/belcouncil/) pages for more information.

We ask every member of our community to follow the advice of our public health authorities and above all else look after each other in these times of unprecedented risk.

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