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RE: DA2020/0661 - 7356 / 1167221 Huston Parade NORTH CURL CURL NSW 2099

Dear Sirs

I wish to lodge my objection to the proposed Optus telecommunications facility on the following grounds:

1. In 2015 Optus put forward the exact same site as one of two options for the placement of a mobile phone tower. This proposal was roundly criticized by the local community, such that of 166 submissions 122 objected not only to this site but to a tower being sited anywhere in John Fisher Park.

In 2017 Optus tried to put forward a proposal to place a tower in the parkland immediately to the south of Curl Curl Lagoon. This too was roundly rejected by the community with 133 out of 139 submissions opposing this DA, along with a petition of 839 signatures.

It is therefore extremely disappointing to see Optus coming back to the 2015 site yet again with total disregard to the residents of this area.

2. The Curl Curl community is so grateful to our State Member James Griffin for securing funding from the Environmental Trust for the recent rehabilitation of this particular edge of the lagoon. It is therefore a travesty for Optus to come along and suggest placing this telecommunications facility slap bang on the edge of the rehabilitation works. Not only will the installation works result in considerable damage to the rehabilitated plantings, but once construction is complete we will be left with an obstruction to lagoon edge pedestrian routes in this area, and a visual eyesore to this beautiful part of the park.