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Northern Beaches Council (via online submission form)

To the Assessing Officer,

RE: Development Application DA2020/0661 - Optus Mobile Pty Ltd Proposed 'Construction and installation of a Telecommunications Facility with associated equipment' at John Fisher Park.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission in relation to the above listed development application (DA).

I am opposed to the proposed development application by Optus Mobile PLY LTD, for the reasons outlined below.

SITE SELECTION AND COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

None of the other Telecommunication providers have Telecommunication Facilities with associated equipment at John Fisher Park.

Has Optus exhausted ALL other possible sites for the proposed installation?

Is Optus saying they cannot negotiate with other Telecommunication providers to co-locate on an existing telecommunications facility?

Optus has not provided any adequate reasons why other possible sites were not appropriate for a 3G and 4G installation.

How do ALL the other Telecommunication Companies meet the technical requirements of their network having little to no impact, especially VISUAL on THIS SURROUNDING AREA?

This proposed Telecommunications facility is not designed and sited to minimise visual impact.

The proposed location for the Mobile Tower is in the middle of an environmentally sensitive

area and frequently used by the community.

THE PROPOSAL

Why was Huston Parade mentioned in this Development Application?

What location/s will the remote radio units be installed?

What number of Optus customers have written to Optus Mobile PTY LTD expressing their difficulty with signal strength issues based on their house location?

Some Optus customers have written submissions stating they don't have difficulty with signal levels in this area.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

During the two community information sessions held on 26 November 2015 at Curl Curl Sports Centre, Abbott Road, there was overwhelming objection to the then proposed development application by Optus. There was a lot of negative feedback from the community.

A development application was lodged with Northern Beaches Council in April 2017.

This development application received 139 submissions, 133 against and 6 in support along with a petition with 839 signatures opposing the development.

It was determined at an independent assessment panel meeting and a notice of refusal was issued on 27th July 2019. This was assessed due to having unacceptable impacts with regard to the natural and built environments and the social impacts in the locality mainly in regards to its impact visually.

KEY PLANNING PROCESS

Refer to 9.1.3.3. Ecological Sustainable Development Table 1.

Visual impact is a major environmental concern associated with the proposed telecommunications facility in terms of height, size and amount of equipment.

Optus has provided photographs and images from several vantage points of the proposed telecommunications facility. These photos have been taken on a cloudy overcast day which reduce the potential for contrast with the background sky and landscapes. I request photos to be taken on a clear and sunny day to get a true contrast of the monopole, associated equipment and background including the sky.

When was the last emergency to alert Optus customers about a natural disasters which can affect the local environment, such as flooding?

"None of the environmental attributes and features of the land will be impacted upon and none of the functions of the land will be inhibited" One very important function of this land is to help people relax and destress from the pressures of modern living. Also another important function of this land is for the community to physically exercise.

This telecommunications facility will obstruct views from the street, vista or panorama, when viewed by the public, private land, beach and coastline.

STATE LEGISLATION

The proposed telecommunications facility is a bulky size and has not taken into account the surrounding lagoon and coastal environment.

Visual impact on the environment is a significant concern associated with the proposed telecommunications facility. How has this telecommunications facility been mitigated by its design, to be as minimally visually intrusive as possible in terms of height, size and amount of equipment whilst still performing its required functions?

The scale of the development is considered to be appropriate by WHO? It is not considered appropriate by MOST LOCAL RESIDENTS AND JOHN FISHER PARK REGULAR USERS.

9.2.9. Crown Lands Act 1989 No 6

(b) that the natural resources of Crown land including scenic quality is NOT being conserved.

(c) that public use and enjoyment of appropriate Crown land be encouraged.

The site is currently used for the purposes of public recreation and the proposed development WILL interfere with this. Local residents and John Fisher Park users use this area to escape the mental stresses of urban life. They don't want to see industrial infrastructure. How many Local residents and John Fisher Park users will want to be using Optus mobile phones when in this "green belt"? Most people are walking, exercising and not using their Optus mobile phones.

(f) that Crown land be occupied, used, sold, leased, licensed or otherwise dealt with in the best interests of the State consistent with the above principles.

The proposed development is in the interests of Optus and is NOT consistent with the listed principles. The current use of the land will be impeded by users of the OPEN SPACE, and the park and surrounding area will only gain improved mobile communications services by a limited few Optus users.

SECTION 4.15 ASSESSMENT

This Statement of Environmental Effects provides a summary of the matters for consideration set out in Section 79C of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. This assessment may demonstrate that the development will have minor impacts and is a suitable use for the subject site. The impacts are not considered minor by MOST LOCAL RESIDENTS AND JOHN FISHER PARK REGULAR USERS. Again, Optus tries to MINIMISE the true impact.

Land Use Zoning (Clause 2.1)

It is up to The Northern Beaches Council to give consent to the installation of this proposed telecommunications facility.

Northern Beaches Council consider the majority not the minority.

In 2015 the proposal: Install a 25 metre telecommunications monopole with an equipment shelter located on the ground, adjacent to the pole at the rear of the bowling club (southern end). Figure 7 - Image of Candidate B.

In 2015 the proposal: Install a 25 metre telecommunications monopole with an equipment shelter located on the ground, adjacent to the pole at the rear at South Curl Curl. Figure 7 - Image of Candidate F.

In 2020, NOW the proposed overall height of the monopole is 25.7m; at this height, the antennas will still be able to achieve Optus' coverage requirements for a new telecommunications facility in John Fisher Park.

In fact, this proposed telecommunications facility is TALLER THAN THE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED FACILITY AND WHILST FURTHER CAUSING UNACCEPTABLE VISUAL IMPACT.

Building Bulk (Clause D9)

The objectives of this clause are as follows:

- To encourage good design and innovative architecture to improve the urban environment.

Having a 25.7m monopole in a park does not improve the urban environment.

The advantage is to a small number of Optus customers and Optus Mobile PLY LTD.

Of course Optus would believe that the visual impact is acceptable and outweighs any general loss of visual amenity. Optus personal don't use the park day after day.

FUTURE TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT

In the future is 5G going to be installed on this monopole?

If 5G is planned to be installed on this monopole, when is this likely to occur?

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH CERTAIN STATUTORY INSTRUCTIONS

The proposed DA does not comply with the John Fisher Park Plan of Management which seeks to retain and improve the natural environment, improve and upgrade sporting and community facilities.

CONCLUSION

I strongly oppose this or future inappropriate proposed development of the Optus telecommunications facility at John Fisher Park.

The community has already voiced their robust objection.

As a health professional, I'm concerned about the adverse effects this proposal is having on the wider community of Curl Curl.

A small number of Optus customers may benefit but the community at large and the park will not benefit in any way.

If a small number of Optus customers are experiencing signal strength issues based on their house location, they can change telecommunication providers.

The community measures the value of place and space for people ever more so in the twenty first century. Places like this park are meant for people to come together.

Out of 212 submissions at 6pm Friday 24 July, only 6 submissions were in favour of this project.

I hope the decision makers are listening to the loud and clear message of the Curl Curl Community.

I look forward to receiving your answers to my questions?

Best Regards