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

RE DA2020/0661
Northern Beaches Council
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I wish to strongly oppose the latest development application from Optus to erect a mobile phone tower in an ecosystem under rehabilitation.

I have lived in North Curl Curl for 37 years and have raised my three sons here and enjoyed the beauty and amenity of John Fisher Park and Curl Curl Lagoon. I am also a teacher in the local area and in those years, I have seen a growth in the density of surrounding suburbs and an even more pressing need for healthy open space to be shared by the whole community. Indeed, our present crisis with the global pandemic has highlighted the need even more pressingly, for valuable safe recreation, both with organised sport and passive recreation for all ages and physical ability.

Over the years I have actively campaigned as a member of the John Fisher Park Community Group and Curl Curl Lagoon Friends to keep the park in a balanced state to preserve the balance between the environment and community use, and opposed the proposed covering in hard surfaces of more than 40 netball courts some years ago. The work that has been conducted by our team members with the then Warringah and now Northern Beaches Council, has resulted in a precious amenity for all in our area to enjoy.

In the past we had community agreement with the Council that no towers were to be erected in public parks and reserves. The proposed tower and its accompanying equipment building, air conditioning and surrounding razor wired fenced compounds are totally contrary to past agreements, the riparian zone regulations, and parkland zoning. Further objections include:

- Lack of community support

- Insufficient need for the tower with no data being provided on the numbers of people who would benefit from this. (Emergency calls can still be made on any network).

- The proposed tower is too close to the bank of the lagoon in the riparian zone, an area currently under rehabilitation.

- The approval of this one installation can lead to the collocation of up to five other base stations and their compounds. Once the precedent for this tower installation has been achieved the council will not have control over further collocation process from other telecommunication companies. Other companies will not wish to build additional towers and will therefore wish to build on to this tower, and add their own compounds resulting in a much larger and more imposing development in the park and near the local school.

- Radiation levels in the park and surrounding schools will increase this installation's output

with the addition of each new company as it applies to access the tower for its use. Again, other companies will not wish to build additional towers and will therefore wish to build on to this tower, adding to radiation levels.

Please consider this issue carefully and the needs of our Northern Beaches Community. Open parkland and one of our few tidal estuary lagoons, are not flexible but telecommunication towers can be in less intrusive sites. Please reject this application.

Sincerely,

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