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Attention: Phil Lane

Please see attached submission from the Manly Seaside Baseball Club regarding DA 2020/0661 Huston Pde North Curl Curl.

Thanks

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RE: DA2020/0661

Proposed Optus tower installation and base station

To whom it may concern,

I write on behalf of the Manly Seaside Baseball Club (MSBC) to object to the development application put forward by Optus to install a phone tower and base station adjacent to and clearly encroaching on the area used by our club and various other sporting groups that use the baseball diamonds throughout the year including the PSSA, local primary school and private schools.

The application from Optus appears inaccurate and deceptive, referring to Huston Parade, an area that is 500m away from the actual development site in Abbot Rd. There has been no consultation with MSBC as one of the primary users of the Abbott Rd fields which is concerning.

The installation of the base station next to the baseball dugout is very problematic for us. The proposed base station sits in an area that we use during games for both the players and equipment and is also a safe area for spectators to watch the game from behind the nets. Just because the playing diamond is on the other side of the fence does not mean that we don't use the other areas surrounding the diamonds.

The application also looks to have some trees (landscape screening) planted around this 3 metre high box that will completely cut off any thoroughfare or use of this area for MSBC. As a safety measure on game days, players and spectators and the general public need to move around the outside of the fields and in addition, we will likely need all the space we can get to meet pandemic/social distancing requirements. The platform and associated screening appears to prevent access.

MSBC has been around for over 40 years and have been using John Fisher Park as their sole home for a majority of that time. We have been steadily growing, particularly over the last five years with growth averaging at around 15% annually for our junior numbers and at an even greater rate for our adult teams. Contentious developments like this could impact the continued growth of MSBC and our health and safety management plan. As such, we oppose this development application in its current form.

Thank you for considering our position.

David Gledhill

President MSBC