6th October 2020

Dear Northern Beaches Independent Panel,

The information from OPTUS about coverage in the immediate Curl Curl area (Coverage "GREAT" - Please see <u>https://www.optus.com.au/about/network/coverage</u>) contradicts the main reason presented by OPTUS to require the proposed telco tower.

Therefore it would therefore appear that main the reason for the request is unsubstantiated. Given this information could you please clarify why the Council is recommending "Approval" for DA2020/0661 which has received overwhelming and growing opposition from the local community (with 390 submissions (376 against)?

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The applicant has stated that the proposed telecommunications facility is required due to a lack of mobile phone coverage in the immediate Curl Curl area.

The public notification of the application resulted in 376 letters of concern and 14 supporting letters. The issues raised included health, environmental and visual concerns.

A previous application (DA2017/0298) was refused by Council in 2017 at an alternate location at Adam Street Reserve (John Fisher Park), accessed from Griffin Road in Curl Curl.

The current application sits within a sporting field with 12 existing light poles, one of which will be removed to allow for the new telecommunications pole. Council's Urban Design officer is not supportive of the proposal based on the visual impact and scale of the structure.

However, based on a detailed assessment of the proposal against the applicable planning controls, it is considered that the current proposal is worthy of approval, and development consent is recommended subject to conditions of consent.

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