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RE: DA2018/1481 - 1 / 0 Veterans Parade NARRABEEN NSW 2101

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We write in support of the abovementioned development application for the construction of a Telstra mobile telephone communication tower to service the telecommunication needs of several hundred elderly residents of the Narrabeen retirement village commonly referred to as "THE WAR VETS".

I am advised that the planned tower will also serve the needs of residents living on the escarpment adjacent to the north side of Narrabeen Lagoon who live in a similar rf shadow area with similarly poor and intermittent mobile coverage.

Most arguments against the application ignore the fact that these hundreds of residents with little or no mobile telephone coverage are elderly, many have served Australia in times of conflict, suffer varying degrees of poor health, more often than not have mobility problems and similar to the surrounding residents and contrary to popular myth, have invested most of their life savings to live in the village.

Claims that the area is already well served with mobile telephone coverage is verifiably incorrect as is the alleged harm the tower would cause to the local environment and wildlife. Surely they do not believe their own very good mobile coverage is achieved by anything other than two way rf communication with an existing telecommunication tower located elsewhere in the area.

I request that Council reject the thoughtless, self centred NIMBY claims made by those who could easily be considered to be card carrying members of the U Jack society rather than adults who have any visible concern or sympathy with the needs and safety of several hundred residents who have already long since paid any debt they may have owed to Australian society.

Mention should also be made that the area in question is not part of a third world country, it is 19km as the crow flies from the CBD of Sydney which has a population of 5.6 million people and is Australia's largest city.

The residents of the village and the surrounding area need this tower to ensure not only their convenience but most importantly, they need it for their welfare and safety.

Sincerely,
Colin and Lynda HARRIS