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

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on Optus' proposal to install a mobile phone tower at John Fisher Park.

I note that this is the second or third time that Optus has submitted a DA of this kind and that on all previous occasions, the application has failed.

As a resident of Curl Curl and a weekly user of John Fisher Park, I would like to express my concern at Optus proposal.

I would suggest that alternative sites be found for mobile phone towers. Other networks, such as Telstra, have good coverage in the area and don't require the installation of mobile phone towers in parkland areas. Optus should be able to do likewise.

Residents of Curl Curl have other mobile carrier options and don't rely on Optus for mobile phone coverage. If they aren't getting good reception with Optus, they can easily switch providers to Telstra (which I'm on and get excellent coverage in the John Fisher Park area).

Our suburban parklands are a community asset and need protecting from more commercial infrastructure. There should be less development in these areas not more. The proposed Optus phone infrastructure would be an eyesore and spoil a precious natural environment.

I note that Optus' proposal is only commercial in nature. There are no additional benefits for the Curl Curl community of the installation of new mobile infrastructure. The only benefits are to Optus. As I say, mobile coverage is already available from other carriers which is meeting community needs adequately.

I would like to suggest that Optus listen to community concerns and not submit any more DAs of this nature. The Curl Curl community has spoken and will continue to oppose Optus DAs that impact on our precious natural environment.

As an alternative, I suggest the council work with Optus to identify alternate mobile phone tower locations - perhaps colocated where Telstra and other carriers have their infrastructure. The Brookvale industrial estate might be a suitable location. I'm sure there are countless alternatives that could be identified with some innovative thinking.

Regards,
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