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**d\sb160\plainAbbott Road Sports field - John Fisher Park Field No.5 - Lot 7356/1167221
Huston Parade NORTH CURL CURL**

Construction of a Telecommunications Facility with associated equipment

d\sb160\plainSubmission – Zali Steggall OAM MP

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d\sb160\plainIn my capacity as the Federal Member for Warringah, I have been contacted by many concerned community members about the proposed development of a 'Telecommunication Facility and associated equipment' right next to Curl Curl Lagoon in John Fisher Park. I have since met with members of the community and Curl Curl Lagoon Friends at the site of the proposed development.

d\sb160\plainIt is clear to me that the proposed location of the facility is unsuitable and the development application should be refused for the following clear reasons:

- 1. The development does not comply with the agreed Plan of Management for John Fisher Park;**
- 2. This is a sensitive environmental area;**
- 3. The case hasn't been made by the private operator to warrant a new phone tower being built on public land;**
- 4. The development will be over 25m high and the application includes "associated equipment", which means more infrastructure can be built at the bottom of the facility.**

John Fisher Park is a highly-valued piece of community land and is a well-used park for walkers, their dogs, sporting groups, many schools (as it hosts the PSSA competitions), bush regenerators, community gardeners, bird watchers, as well as people who simply enjoy the beauty and peace of green open space.

d\sb160\plainFor decades now, community members have worked with council to regenerate and revitalise what was, due to previous poor decisions, a tip. There is still work to be done but the park is now a precious asset. Indeed it is an area that has seen an increase in usage and appreciation during these times of the Coronavirus pandemic. Now more than ever, it is vital that we protect parklands from unwanted developments for the generations to come.

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d\sb160\plainThe park is managed by Northern Beaches Council under an agreed Plan of Management, which has a clear vision:

John Fisher Park and Abbott Road Land should be a healthy, accessible open space that provides harmoniously for both active and passive recreation, which is well maintained and protected by responsible use and management.”

It goes on to say with regard to that “responsible use and management”:

“A 40 metre buffer zone from the top of the bank of Greendale Creek be maintained throughout the park with respect to any new development.” (page 1)

The proposed development application is well within this 40 metre buffer zone.

The Plan of Management states: