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Subject: RE: DA2020/0661 - 7356 / 1167221 Huston Parade NORTH CURL CURL
NSW 2099
Attachments: Optus Tower submission 27 Aug 2020.pdf;

Dear Sir / Madam

Please find attached my submission re: Re: DA2020/0661 - 7356 / 1167221 Huston Parade NORTH CURL CURL NSW 2099.

I would be grateful if you would kindly upload this submission to the DA web page

Many thanks

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

I object to the proposed Optus phone tower and associated infrastructure being erected on the northern bank of Curl Curl Lagoon or in any other part of John Fisher Park in the future. The whole area is still recovering from the catastrophic decisions made by authorities decades ago when there was little understanding about the consequences of their actions.

Thankfully, we now live in a more enlightened society. None the less the rehabilitation programme will continue for many years into the future.

Results of ignorance

Until the middle of last century, Curl Curl Lagoon was a lush pristine wetland with meandering creeks providing habitat for fish and birdlife, flora and fauna.

In the 1950's authorities, in their ignorance, allowed the area to be used for landfill. The pristine wetlands were offered up to become the local tip resulting in the waterway and surrounding lands becoming heavily polluted.

Over the last 50 years, with the benefit of state and federal funding, Council has worked with local community groups to rehabilitate that wasteland. Over time and with much toil, it was gradually transformed into the valuable recreational asset it is today.

However, the reality is that we cannot yet claim success - this is not the end of the story. The water and subsoil are still heavily polluted. Experts say it will take 100 years before the area recovers from the degradation caused by past practices and poorly informed decisions.

Restoring Pride in Curl Curl Lagoon

As part of ongoing efforts to improve the lagoon surrounds, Northern Beaches Council is currently rehabilitating the northern bank with \$100,000 funding from NSW Environmental Trust. The three-year '*Restoring Pride in Curl Curl Lagoon*' grant is supported by James Griffin, MP.

The images below provide a visual representation of progress made so far with Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the '*Restoring Pride in Curl Curl Lagoon*' rehabilitation works.

Also depicted is what the same northern bank could look like if construction of the tower and infrastructure – **located within metres of the current rehabilitation works** - is approved.

There can be no justification for wilfully allowing the proposed development to inflict even more damage on this fragile space still in recovery. It would be adding insult to injury.

Thankyou for considering this submission

Stage 1 – First plantings completed in 2019 which are now well established



James Griffin MP, Member for Manly is in Curl Curl, New South Wales, Australia.

1 October 2019 · 🌐

🌱 In my first speech in the Parliament of NSW back in 2017, I said I was committed to fixing up Curl Curl Lagoon.

Well, here we are in 2019, more than \$100,000 later and hours of effort from local volunteers and professionals.

I'm delighted to see that the 'Restoring Pride in Curl Curl Lagoon Project' is making great progress. As you can see below, the rehabilitation is coming along nicely.

Politics should be more than talk.

Delivery is key.

I'm proud of my record.



Stage 2 - New plantings commenced in July 2020 – location of the proposed tower is within metres of the new work.



Stage 3 – Council’s own report states that if construction of the tower and associated infrastructure on the northern bank of the lagoon is approved, it might look like Plateau Park in Collaroy Plateau (pictured below) in the future.

