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Please see our submission for DA2020/0661 attached.

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Proposed Optus Tower Installation
lot 7356 / 1167221 NORTH CURL CURL NSW 2099
Application Number: DA2020/0661

To whom it may concern.

I am writing to you on behalf of the Curl Curl North Public School P&C Association as an interested and affected party in relation to the proposed installation of an OPTUS tower on Abbott Road Playing fields.

As I am sure you are aware the Department of Education has a policy on telecommunications facilities that are proposed to be installed near schools. This policy adopts a Precautionary Approach similar to the Industry Code – Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment (C564:2018) which is issued by Communications Alliance which OPTUS is a member.

The recommendations by the department are that no mobile telecommunications facilities should be installed on school grounds and that the department has a preference of at least 500m from a school.

Curl Curl North Public school is currently going through a capital works project that has resulted in more than half the children at the school using the Abbott Road playing fields (John Fisher Park) during recess and lunch time which effectively makes this area our school playground. In addition to this it is where our school and many other schools compete in PSSA sport. The same area that OPTUS wants to install a mobile base station, this directly contradicts the precautionary approach that is recommended.

Once the capital works are completed in 2021 and this base station will still be within 300m of our school.



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It is noted that OPTUS looked at the Precautionary Approach (Report - Precautionary Approach Checklist - Infrastructure Design) to site selection. They concluded when looking at their own industry standards on:

“The objective of avoiding community sensitive locations”

That, although this site was a considered a sensitive location OPTUS concluded that:

“This site provides a reasonable separation to community sensitive locations.”

We would strongly disagree with this finding as the separation will be a matter of metres from where our children are playing every school day.

We urge Northern Beaches Council to reject this application and move to prevent any such applications in John Fisher Park in the future.

Kind Regards

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