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Subject: DA2020/0661 (Lot 7356/1167221 Huston Parade North Curl Curl)
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Dear Ray and Michael,

I refer to correspondence received from Council on Wednesday 30 September 2020, advising me that DA 2020/0661 for the construction of a Telecommunications Facility and associated equipment on the banks of Curl Curl Lagoon has been referred to the next Independent Planning Panel on Wednesday 7 October.

Upon reading the agenda, I was shocked and disappointed to see the DA has been recommended for approval. I see in the report that over 360 objections were received outlining their reasons for opposing the proposal including significant concerns about the environmental impacts on the lagoon and the fact the construction would be in breach of the existing Plan of Management for John Fisher Park. I understand the assessment and this recommendation for approval were made by an independent planner, not Council staff, but at the end of the day, it will be Council that will be the consent authority, albeit by delegation to the Independent Planning Panel.

My objections to the proposal remain; namely:

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

Apart from my strong disagreement with the recommendation, I also wish to raise concerns about the timing of this next step. The email and letter to objectors was sent out during school holidays notifying them that the panel hearing will be held next Wednesday - also during school holidays. It's unfortunate that the notification and panel hearing could not have been made at a time when the maximum number of people would be available to attend.

I myself will be in Canberra next week for Parliament so will not be available to attend the hearing, however, noting that written submissions to the panel can be made up until 4pm next Tuesday, I wish to submit the following for consideration by both the Panel and the Applicant:

On behalf of the community of Warringah, I strongly object to the recommendation before the panel that DA 2020/0661 be approved.

My key reasons for opposing the proposal are:

- * The development does not comply with the Plan of Management for John Fisher Park;
- * This is a sensitive environmental area;

- * The case hasn't been made by the private operator to warrant a new phone tower on public land; and
- * The application includes "associated equipment", which means more infrastructure can be built at the bottom of the facility.

I call on the panel to refuse the DA outright.

However, if the panel decides to endorse the recommendation and approve the facility being constructed, then I strongly urge you to consider a specific alternative location nearby. Please find attached photographs of a single story facility that is located at the roundabout where Abbott Road meets Spring Road. This building is directly opposite the existing light pole where the proposed infrastructure is proposed to go on the other side of the sportsfield. This existing block would be a more suitable location as it is approximately a further 50metres away from the lagoon and already presents as built infrastructure so any additional infrastructure would be less obtrusive.

I ask the panel and the applicant to consider this alternative location and to amend their plans accordingly.

In summary, I remain strongly opposed to the telecommunications facility going anywhere within the John Fisher Park precinct, but if the proposal is to proceed, then this slight relocation away from a sensitive environmental area would be preferred.

Regards,
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