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Parliamentary Secretary for the Environment
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Member for Manly

To whom it may concern

RE: DA2020/0661 Huston Parade, North Curl Curl

I wish to make a submission on the above Nominated Integrated Development Application and to voice my community's opposition to the installation of the Optus mobile phone telecommunications tower in Abbott Roads Grounds – John Fisher Park Field No. 5 North Curl Curl for the following reasons:

- The structure of the tower and the raised platform and box will be located within an area of **environmental significance**, adjacent to Curl Curl Lagoon and within an area of revegetation in a lagoon riparian zone
- The structure will be located within a **community sensitive** location – the facility will be located within 500 metres from a public school, North Curl Curl Public School
- Residents are also concerned with EME levels close to residents homes and North Curl Curl Public School

In addition I enclose a copy of correspondence from Minister Sarah Mitchell MLC, Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning, in which the Minister has received the following advice from the Department of Education:

"The Department's policy is to discourage the construction of telecommunications towers within 500 metres of Government schools and as such, the Department has requested that alternative sites be considered".

If approved, this Development would be against the Department of Education's policy for Mobile Telecommunications Facilities (**PD-2005-0148-V01**) of prudent avoidance regarding the location of these types of facilities.

I concur with the concerns of the Friends of Curl Curl Lagoon, the many residents living in the vicinity of the proposed tower, the Department of Education and that of the Minister.

I request that, for the reasons I have outlined above, that the proposed location for the tower be reconsidered by the applicant.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Griffin', written over a horizontal line.

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Date: 19 AUG 2020



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Dear Mr Griffin

Thank you for your letter of 23 July 2020, regarding a development application from Optus installing a mobile phone telecommunications tower and its proximity to North Curl Curl Public School.

I acknowledge concerns about the proximity of the telecommunications facility to North Curl Curl Public School. I have sought clarification and advice from the Department of Education on this matter and I am advised of the following.

The Department's policy is to discourage the construction of telecommunications towers within 500 metres of Government schools and as such, the Department has requested that alternative sites be considered.

I am advised that the North Curl Curl Public School Parents and Citizens Association has joined the Department in formally objecting to the location of the facility, in the interests of the safety and wellbeing of staff and students.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Mitchell MLC
18 August 2020