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Thank you for informing us of this building application. Telstra has stated that the proposed 31.5 metre tower is to particularly help the reception for commuters on the rail and road transport along Brisbane Water Drive. This would perhaps help commuters for maybe the few minutes it takes to pass through this area compared to the adverse affects on residents who live here all the time. We are objecting to the construction of this tower in the proposed location for the following reasons: 1. We believe any tower should be built near the existing tower on the ridge at Koolewong. We note that Telstra has stated that the existing tower is near its capacity but surely the second tower could be built near the existing tower as in the cases in many other areas such as Rumbalara and Forresters Beach which have more than one tower located together. This existing Koolewong site should not be a problem for Telstra as they already have access to the site for maintenance so another tower should keep future maintenance of both more efficient. Also, a new tower may not need to be as high as 31.5 metres as the location is higher to start with compared to the proposed site near Brisbane Water Drive. PLEASE NOTE: The following objections only exist because Telstra has not nominated to erect this proposed tower near the other tower on Koolewong ridge : 2. At 31.5 metres in height, the proposed tower would be visible from all four directions and be a huge eyesore in this beautiful area. Telstra stated that they have chosen this particular site to try and negate this issue but despite some tree coverage, it will still be an eyesore from all directions along Brisbane Water. 3. Telstra has stated that the RF (radio frequency) and EME (electromagnetic energy) output from the proposed tower would be inconsequential but interestingly they also state that the site was chosen as it is low density residential. This seems to suggest that the smaller number of residents affected in this area are of little consequence compared to maybe if they had chosen a more densely populated area. We all know that that we are being bombarded by RF and EME wherever we live but this proposed site just would bring it closer to residential and recreational areas. As far as we are concerned, not enough data is known about the very long term affect of RF and EME so surely it is better to be cautious and place such facilities as far from people as possible and the existing Koolewong ridge site is more suitable and already in use in this manner. 4. The proposed Brisbane Water Road site is just across the road from the fenced children's playground and the larger recreational area which stretches from Tascott to Koolewong along the beautiful Brisbane Water foreshore. This area with its walking/bicycle track, recreational area, playground and boat launching areas is well frequented by locals and tourists. Apart from the proposed tower being an obvious eyesore, it does raise questions regarding the RF and EME output and any possible long term residual health problems. 5. If this Telstra tower

is allowed to be built near Brisbane Water then it could set a precedence for Telstra and any other telecommunications companies to want more similar access sites close to residential housing and recreational areas and maybe seek to increase the RF and EME output at any time. We are not against progress and communication access but we state again that the proposed tower should be built on the ridge at Koolewong near the existing tower which is more environmentally friendly to residents and visitors of this naturally beautiful and safe area of the Central Coast. CONCLUSION: We thank you for your consideration of our objections to the site of this proposed Telstra tower and trust that you DO NOT APPROVE this application. Perhaps you could even suggest to Telstra that if a second tower is necessary then they could locate it instead near the existing tower on Koolewong ridge. Kind regards.