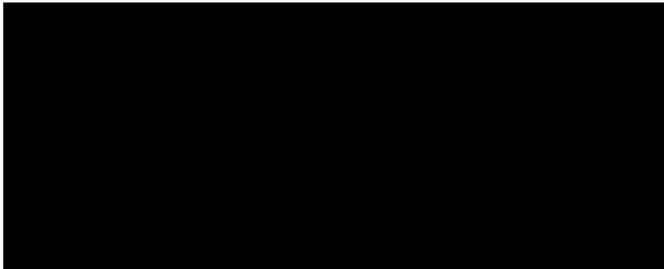


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I strongly object to the proposed tower under DA 56560/2019 .

Council have not followed the required procedure to ensure all affected residents are notified. Many residents within close proximity of the site have not been contacted by council. Some only heard by chance from other neighbours.

The primary reason for this tower is stated as “ to enhance coverage to rail commuters travelling through Koolewong and surrounding areas.”

I have lived in Tascott for many years and have never had a problem with mobile phone coverage passing through this area. My husband was a long term commuter, and I have spoken to other long term commuters who also have had no coverage issues as they pass through this section of Tascott and Koolewong.

The location of the proposed tower is close to residential premises – presenting potential health concerns for up to 80 households . It is also right near a childrens playground , waterfront reserve and bike path used by the community. Looking towards the escarpment, the tower will be imposing (more than 40 metres above sea level) – rising higher than Glenrock parade and the homes aligning it!

There is no evidence that enhanced communication facilities will benefit the surrounding community. It is noted in the proposal that this facility is specifically for rail commuters. The whole community must be treated with equal consideration – residents will be faced with a 31 m structure producing electromagnetic energy. Councillors must consider all members of the community regardless of the density of housing in the area. EME reports cannot guarantee health and safety. There can potentially be serious health issues long term caused by constant exposure to EME. What health monitoring and guarantees will be available when new technologies and potentially other antennas are added to the Tower? There are homes within 100 metres of the antenna.

In the proposal it is stated that the site has already been visually impacted by clutter – rail infrastructure and overhead powerlines. Council cannot use this logic to add to the further deterioration of the visual amenity of this area. The topography of this area enables many residents to enjoy views from considerable heights . If this tower is constructed it will rise above the trees (over 40metres above sea level) in direct line of site to nearby houses. Specifically this Tower will be an ugly blight on the area and visible from the North and South to all users of Brisbane Water Drive. There is no place for such a tower in a residential area.

The topography already affords safer locations to build such telecommunication facilities – specifically the ridge at Koolewong where a tower already exists – this covers the corridor of Tascott and Koolewong and also the line to Woy Woy. If another tower was built alongside the existing one exposure to the public would be minimised and visual amenity to the area will be preserved. The Assessment Report indicates that alternative sites were not selected for ‘property and technical reasons’. I believe we need further clarification of these reasons so we can seek independent assessment.

It is imperative that the Central Coast is preserved as the beautiful area that it is . Decisions must be made in the interests of all community members to maintain health and safety for all residents.

Regards

