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I have just spoken to someone from the Council's Customer Service team who told me that I should have got some kind of pop-up acknowledgement when I clicked submit, so it seems there is perhaps some kind of problem with the system and that you may not have received my online submission (and maybe others??). The lady I spoke with suggested trying again, which I did with the same result. She said if that failed to email Council at this address, so here is the content of my online submission regarding Development Application 5650/2019 (011.2019.00056560.001; Applicant: Service Stream Network Construction; Description: Telecommunications Facility):

As the owner of a home in Glenrock Parade, Tascott, I strongly object to the construction of a communication tower as proposed in DA 56560/2019 for the following reasons:

1. It seems UNNECESSARY as there is no convincing evidence presented in the application that this area is significantly impacted by being in a black spot - the Australian Government's National Map of mobile black spots (<https://nationalmap.gov.au>) does not indicate this is a black spot area and the closest reported black spot appears to be around Wondabyne; as others have noted, residents (including those who commute) do not appear to have any problem with coverage in this area, and it seems that the problem for commuters who do experience any dropouts occurs somewhere between Woy Woy and Hornsby (probably around Wondabyne). If a significant problem exists in that area, other sites (not just the ones listed and perfunctorily rejected by the applicant) should have been considered to address that problem. As others have noted, even if there were a problem with dropouts for commuters around the Tascott area, it seems unfair that residents in the area have to endure permanent loss of quality of life resulting from the construction of this tower (loss of amenity due to visual impact, potential risk of exposure to harmful EM radiation, devaluation of property, etc - as noted below) for the sake of relieving commuters of a few minutes of inconvenience (due to momentary loss of coverage). If the problem in this area really is so bad, it would seem to make more sense to upgrade or place a second tower near the existing tower on the ridge, rather than put the tower on the waterfront, so close to residential and recreational areas.
2. The tower will have a significant VISUAL IMPACT on many residents and users of the recreational spaces, regardless of where it is placed along the waterfront - the amended application with the relocation of the proposed tower along the waterfront really just alters which residents will be most impacted, and fails to adequately address the problem that it will obstruct the view of residents given the elevation of houses along Glenrock Parade; the negligible reduction in the height of the proposed tower and the suggested screening by trees that exist at the new proposed location are not adequate rectifications of the problem.
3. The siting of a large communication tower on the waterfront is NOT IN KEEPING WITH THE DESIRED CHARACTER OF THE AREA as others have indicated. The Brisbane Water foreshore is supposed to be scenic area, and this eyesore of a tower would be visible from far and wide - not just by residents along Glenrock Parade, but also users of the recreational facilities and those enjoying time on the water. I am not convinced that the visual impact of the proposed tower from the water would be minimal as the application suggests, because I am not sure it would really "be lost" against the bushland backdrop. Certainly the impact on residents in Glenrock Parade would be worse, but others would still be impacted. The proposed construction of a communications tower of dubious value so close to much valued recreational waterfront space is inappropriate and shows little respect for the community and its desires for the future character of the zone. It is disappointing that the applicants did not make more of an effort to consult with the community - I

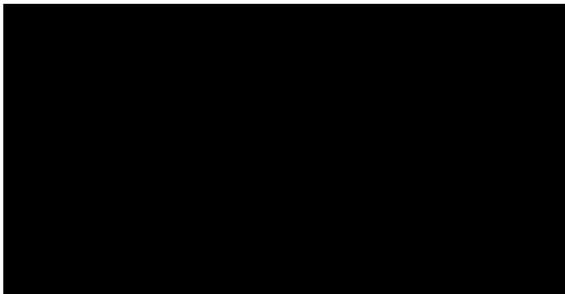
received a notification from Council about the amended submission, but even though my property would be impacted by both the original and the amended application, I did not even receive notification about the original application, and I am aware that many other residents were not informed. More importantly, I am not aware that any significant community consultation has been initiated by the applicants, even though the proposed tower is clearly within a "Community Sensitive Location".

4. While there is not currently evidence that the EM radiation from communication towers poses a significant risk, there are still POTENTIALLY UNIDENTIFIED HARMFUL EFFECTS OF EM RADIATION, that are likely to be compounded if the proposed tower were to be upgraded in the future to accommodate 5G, which is a distinct possibility that has not been addressed by the applicants. Furthermore, there is a community perception that communication towers pose a potential risk due to EM radiation. Regardless of the actual level of risk, these areas would become less desirable places to live, so locating such a tower so close to a residential area would be likely to contribute to property devaluation.

5. Construction of the proposed tower will result in a REDUCTION OF PROPERTY VALUES due to both loss of view and perceived risks of EM radiation due to houses being located close to a communication tower. I urge the Council to consider the significant concerns of residents in the area and to reject the proposal which creates more problems than it solves.

Thank you.

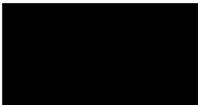
My personal details are:



I declare that I have not made a reportable political donation.

I would be grateful if you could please ensure that my submission regarding this DA is taken into consideration, as it was submitted via the preferred online method within the required timeframe (i.e. before close of business today).

Kind regards



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