

Please accept my strong objection to the Telecommunications Tower in Saratoga for the following reasons.

1. It would appear that Telecommunications facilities are prohibited in an R2 zone. Due to the site being R2 and therefore low density residential the proposal for this tower exceeds the maximum height permitted in the area by 18.3 metres. At this height it certainly is not compatible with the statement minimal adverse impact. The statement that the tower should be sympathetic to the height and scale of the building to which it is attached and sympathetic to adjacent buildings is a requirement that has not been satisfied.
2. The statement that the intention is to “increase coverage in the area with minimal adverse impact on surrounding environments and the community” has not been established. In fact the position of the tower at the existing site benefits a very small section of the community as opposed to it being located in a much more advantageous location.
3. All other tower sites within the 2251 postcode are located in areas that minimise the impact on the communities and their amenities and the visual character of the same. This application certainly does not comply with this. There are several other locations that would put the tower high on a hill, not impacting housing and health, due to close exposure, that would still provide coverage to a much larger area. These sites are away from direct exposure for people therefore minimising potential health risks which have been quoted as a major concern by many health experts.
4. The supporting photos in the application citing trees and visual barriers is totally false as any trees that existed at the time of the photos being taken for the application have since been removed leaving the site totally exposed.
5. Quoting the site of the Apostolic Church on the corner of Broadwater Drive as an example of an adjacent building is totally misleading. This location is quite some distance from site and not directly impacted.
6. A major concern that cannot be ignored or justified with any explanation is the potential and thus far unknown danger to health from direct exposure to surrounding houses and their occupants from the radiation of being in both a direct line and fields further away from these towers. There has been a significant amount of data to support this danger from many sources both here and overseas. For the council and its officers to disregard these studies and the impact they potentially could have on the health of the people living in this community, I believe, makes the council directly liable for any damages or health effects people may suffer.

I strongly urge the council to only permit construction of 5G telecommunications towers in NON residential areas where the impact on the health and wellbeing of people is minimised.