

Policy

Telecommunications Facilities on Council Owned Land

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Policy Objective

1. To enable the provision of up to date telecommunication facilities on Council Owned land.
2. To ensure such facilities when proposed on Council owned land are suitable for the proposed site.
3. To establish a set of parameters for Council to consider prior to issuing owners consent for the development to proceed.

Policy Background

This policy has been developed to ensure that Council encourages the development of telecommunications facilities on Council controlled land as outlined in Council's Community Strategic Plan Objective 3.1.8;

"Promote improved telecommunications and broadband access"

Policy

1. Prior to issuing Owners Consent to a Telecommunication Facility, the applicant must provide the following details to Council:
 - (a) Plans of the development including site plan, elevations and a photomontage for telecommunication towers and other transmitting devices fitted to existing Council infrastructure or towers. Details should also be included of any landscaping proposed to soften or screen the facility when viewed from a residence or public place.
 - (b) Details on Public Consultation to be carried out to gauge the level of support from surrounding residents and neighbours for the facility. This can include public meetings, surveying neighbours, door knocking, letterbox drop etc.
 - (c) Details on the Council land in terms of it being classified Operational or Community.
 - (d) Details as to why the site is suitable, and whether all opportunities for sharing and co-location have been considered and exhausted.
 - (e) Details on alternative sites that have been investigated on both public and private land and why those sites are not suitable.
 - (f) Details on whether any vegetation or habitat is to be removed. If so what mitigation measures are proposed.
2. Owners Consent
 - (a) Council delegates the General Manager to issue owners consent on a development application for Telecommunication Facilities to proceed on Council owned land.

(b) Council's Role as Planning Authority

Any owner's consent arising from this Policy will entitle the applicant to lodge a development application over Council owned land. In no way does this fetter Council's statutory role as planning authority over the parcel of land. This role will be undertaken independently by Council's Planning and Regulation Division.

The General Manager will not be involved in the determination of the Development Application.

Related Legislation

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (NSW)
Telecommunications Act (Federal)

Review Period

This policy will be reviewed in two years from adoption.

Useful Links

[Tweed Shire Council website](#)

[Office of Local Government](#)

www.nbnco.com.au

[Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979](#)

[State Environmental Planning Policy \(Infrastructure\) 2007 \(NSW\)](#)

[Telecommunications Act 1997 \(Fed\)](#)

[Telecommunications \(Low-impact Facilities Determination\) 1997 \(Fed\)](#)

[ACMA - Installation of telecommunications facilities - a guide for consumers](#)

www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Policy-and-Legislation/Infrastructure/Telecommunication

[National ICT Australia \(NICTA\)](#)

[Australian Mobile Telecommunications Association \(AMTA\)](#)

[Mobile Carriers Forum](#)

[Australian Communications Consumer Action Network \(ACCAN\)](#)
[Radio Frequency National Site Archive](#)

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