



27 March 2017

General Manager
Tweed Shire Council
PO Box 816
Murwillumbah NSW 2484

Dear Sir/Madam,

COMPLYING WITH THE TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL'S POLICY FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES ON COUNCIL OWNED LAND – LOT 10 TWEED COAST ROAD CASUARINA

Tweed Shire Council has set out policy for Telecommunications Facilities on Council owned Land. This submission aims to ensure that Optus complies with the policy so that the tower can be upgraded at the above-mentioned address.

Council's policy outlines a list (a-f) of tasks that need to be completed and submitted to the Council before Council can issue owner's consent. This list has been considered below:

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(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.	(a) Plans of the proposed upgrade and a photomontage will be provided as an attachment to this submission.
(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.	(b) Public Consultation was completed as per requirements of the Telecommunications (Low-Impact Facilities) Determination 1997, Deployment Code 7. This included a newspaper notification placed in the Tweed Daily News, which was

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	<p>published on the 8th of March 2017. A letter was also provided to the Tweed Shire Council on the 27th of February 2017. Both the newspaper notification and the council letter are attached to this submission.</p> <p>Optus are currently contacting Casuarina Beach Rugby Club with details of the proposal for comment and will provide any feedback in relation to this prior to the Council meeting on 20th April 2017.</p>
(c) Details on the Council land in terms of it being classified Operational or Community.	(c) The land is zoned RE1, Public Recreation and is being used a sporting facility. In this case the land is classified as Community.
(d) Details as to why the site is suitable, and whether all opportunities for sharing and co-location have been considered and exhausted.	<p>(d) This site is a co-location and therefore the most suitable site to be utilised for this development. This approach complies with Principle 2 of the NSW Telecommunication Facilities Guideline including Broadband Principle 2, Tweed Councils own Telecommunications Policy for facilities on Council owned land and the Precautionary Approach which is in accordance with the Mobile Phone Deployment Code and the Telecommunications Act 1997.</p> <p>By co-locating on the existing Telstra site Optus are avoiding introducing a new element of infrastructure into the area and containing it on a site that already incorporates</p>

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<p>(e) Details on alternative sites that have been investigated on both public and private land and why those sites are not suitable.</p>	<p>Telecommunications Infrastructure. Therefore, this complies with all the Commonwealth and local guidelines and policies referenced above</p> <p>(e) Three candidates were assessed as alternatives. Below is a review of each candidate.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Candidate A: Lot 9 on DP1014470 New 18-40m Monopole on the Hockey Fields, Council Sports fields off Barclay Drive, Casuarina. Not chosen due to acceptable co-location option on Telstra pole. 2. Candidate B: Lot 10 on DP1014470 New 18-40m Monopole on the Rugby Fields, Council Sports Fields off Tweed Coast Road. Not chosen due to acceptable co-location option on Telstra pole. 3. Candidate C: Lot 10 on DP1014470 Co-location on existing Telstra monopole located on the existing Council owned sports fields. The pole will be extended by 4m and 3 Optus antennas will be installed at the existing Telstra height of 20m (to the centre line of the antennas) and Telstra moved to a height of 24m (to a centre line of 24m) giving an overall height of 25.3m. This was the chosen candidate as it was the most suitable option being an existing Telecommunications site and co-location in accordance with the NSW



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	Telecommunication Facilities Guideline including Broadband Principle 2, Tweed Councils own Telecommunications Policy for facilities on Council owned land and the Precautionary Principle.
(f) Details on whether any vegetation or habitat is to be removed. If so what mitigation measures are proposed.	(f) As this is a co-location option, no vegetation is to be removed.

If you have any questions in regards to this, please don't hesitate to contact me on (02) 8233 9923.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Mills". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jon Mills
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