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Policy

Telecommunication Facilities on Council Owned Land

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Further Document Information and Relationships

Related Legislation	Telecommunications Act 1997 (Clth) Telecommunications Code of Practice 2018 (Clth)
Related Policies	
Related Standards, Procedures, Statements, documents	

Note: Any reference to Legislation will be updated in the Policy as required. See website <http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/> for current Acts, Regulations and Environmental Planning Instruments.

1. Objectives

- 1.1. To enable the provision of up to date telecommunication facilities on Council owned land.
- 1.2. To ensure such facilities when proposed on Council owned land do not have an adverse impact upon the amenity of the area, public health of residents and that the site is suitable for the proposal.
- 1.3. To establish a set of parameters for Council to consider prior to issuing owners consent for the development to proceed.

2. Policy statement

- 2.1 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 carried out to date 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. In the event that the community has not been consulted, owners consent may not be issued or the matter may be deferred until such time as consultation has occurred and the results provided to Council.
 - (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 measures proposed to mitigate fears in relation to public health and whether distances to homes, schools, day care centres and the like have been maximised.
 - (g) Details on whether any vegetation or habitat is to be removed. If so what mitigation measures are proposed.
- 2.2 Owners Consent:
 - (a) Owners consent only to be granted by way of resolution of Council.
 - (b) No delegations to be extended to staff in terms of issuing owners consent for telecommunication facilities to proceed