

YOUR REF: BA3882
OUR REF: MCUC1664/2016 (788987)

20 September 2016

Optus Mobile Pty Ltd
c/- Urbis Pty Ltd
Level 7, 123 Albert St
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Attention: Tiffany Prigg

Dear Tiffany

**INFORMATION REQUEST
FOR MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE FOR
TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES
LOT 15 KINGSTON ROAD, WHYANBEEL**

Receipt of the above application for Telecommunications Facilities is acknowledged.

After a preliminary examination of the above application, the following information is required in order to complete an assessment of the proposal:

1. The report accompanying the application states that there are no sites available in the co-location search area. There is a telecommunications tower at Lot 107 SR844 in Miallo that may have been suitable for co-location. Please provide commentary on the suitability of this particular tower.
2. The comments in the report accompanying the application regarding the Deployment Code require clarification. It states:

“The subject proposal, in not being designated a ‘Low-impact facility’, is not subject to the notification requirements or consultation requirements associated with the Deployment Code.” (see Page 13).

As a consequence the proposal requires no public consultation. However, elsewhere the facility is *“not considered a Low-impact Facility”* (see page 12).

This matter needs to be addressed in the context that the proposed tower is located in a part of the Shire that is characterised by a mix of rural and rural residential houses, many of which have sweeping views from nearby hillsides across to the Coral Sea. It is considered appropriate to consult with this community in accordance with the requirements of the Deployment Code and provide Council with the findings of this consultation, in order to assist Council in its assessment of this development application.

3. The 50-metre height and the lattice structure of the proposed tower (albeit being visually permeable) is considered to be excessive and will impact on the amenity of the surrounding area. What options, if any, have been considered in terms of reducing the height to 30 metres and using a slim-line monopole to help reduce the visual impact of the tower?
4. Please provide a series of photomontages of the proposed tower from various vantage points, including nearby hillside residences, to better represent to Council the visual impact of the tower.

If required, Council is willing to convene a meeting to discuss the above information request.

In accordance with section 279 of the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009*, the application will lapse if no response to this information request is received within six (6) months.

Please note that the information response to Council should include two (2) complete copies of the response and if plans form part of the response then two (2) sets of such plans at scale should also be provided.

Should you require any further information or assistance, please contact Simon Clarke of Development Assessment and Coordination on telephone number 07 4099 9444.

Yours faithfully

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Douglas Shire Council