EMR Towers

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To whom it may concern,

I wish to request a change to the current legislation in relation to the placement of EMR telecommunication towers.

I currently reside with my family, including two young children (13 months and 6 years of age) within 25 metres of a proposed 10m Optus tower. My eldest child catches his school bus within a few metres of the proposed site. If this tower is to go ahead, we have no choice but to relocate.

There is new research available regarding the health risks posed when exposed to EMR radiation at such close proximity.

At http://www.emraustralia.com.au/ this month's newsletter covers the following side effects of EMR. A new study on the effects of cordless phone radiation; an analysis that projects a huge increase in brain tumour rates; over 20 studies that have found evidence of adverse effects from EMR exposure; and more evidence that children are at risk from mobile phone radiation.

Our community is currently taking legal action against Optus in relation to this tower. Communities should not be forced to these extremities and instead, be included in the decision making process. To date, Optus have ignored our concerns, despite erecting a sign requesting us to express our objections.

I ask for your support in allowing communities to have their say in relation to the placement of EMR towers close to their homes and also to have them placed away from where children reside.

Yours faithfully, Hayley Williams