

Subject: Support of Amendments to the Telecommunications Act Of 1997
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To the parliamentary inquiry committee.

To the Inquiry Committee RE: Telecommunications amendments enhancing community consultation.

We support the amendments to the current Act (Telecommunications Act of 1997). The amendments will increase protection to communities who are rightly concerned about the placement of mobile base stations on public health grounds, and are also very concerned about the excessive powers of the carriers to decide to locate their "low impact" base stations wherever they wish (commercial interests largely determine this).

Our personal experience with Optus wanting to place a mobile tower very near to local residences was a difficult struggle to not expose our local community to a potential health hazard. Supposedly low impact exposure contradicted overseas documentation which has to leave us wondering how safe are we? And What are we being exposed to?

Better community consultation is essential prior to locating these mobile towers anywhere.

Yours sincerely Rhonda & Peter Orso