

Subject: Telecommunications Amendment (Enhancing Community Consultation) Bill 2011
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Dear Sir,

I strongly support the proposal in this Bill for enhancing consultation with affected communities in matters of siting Telecommunications installations.

In the recent attempt by Telstra to site a tower in Gerler St., Bardon 4065, it seems to me :

- (1) that the proposed site was unsuitable due to level of radiation in the immediate residential environment (where I live) and proximity to a school
- (2) that insufficient efforts were made by Telstra to find alternative locations
- (3) that unsatisfactory responses were given by Telstra to community enquiries

In connection with (3) above, I received an assurance from Telstra that the level of radiation to be expected at Rainworth School from the proposed Gerler St installation was less than that currently experienced from the tower in the proximity of Rainworth School. When I asked if the level might be increased in the future by more intensive use of the Gerler St site I was told that that could not be excluded. I could only conclude that the first assurance was of limited value.

In these circumstances I support this proposal to improve community consultation in these matters.

Yours,

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