

Subject: Re: Telecommunications Act 1997
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Dear Committee,

We write to you all with the highest degree of concern with reference to legislation relating to the current Telecommunications Act.

Our community recently mounted a campaign that lasted two years and has been ongoing for the past decade.

Telco's have long been very keen on situating a 50m high impact phone tower at Point Walter, Bicton WA.

Despite this being a recognized A Class Reserve of immense importance to all residents and the broader community.

The Telco's that have continually applied for a High Impact Phone Tower in this location go against the provisions stated in the Telecommunications Act which clearly stipulates avoidance of areas classed as 'sensitive'.

Of which Pt Walter most certainly is for several reasons including; A Class status, local Play Group within 300m, Aboriginal significance, residents houses within 300m and hugely impacting the amenity of this natural area.

The total and blatant disregard for the impact this infrastructure imposes on communities is absolutely staggering.

Telco's are a law unto themselves with little if any support given to the community by the current legislation. It is a very sad indictment of the government's lack of concern in this area.

Legislation needs to be changed today to provide protection for all in the community and the environment.

I strongly encourage change to legislation that favours Telco's in all areas, so that rate payers have some form of protection against this present injustice.

Yours sincerely,

Charles and Patricia Goodridge