

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice
Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2013
Communications Portfolio
NBN Co Limited

Question No: 194

Program No. NBN Co

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Tower Construction - Buninyong

Senator Madigan asked:

Will NBN Co respect local government planning schemes and immediately withdraw its application to Ballarat City Council to construct a fixed wireless telecommunications tower in protected bush land between Buninyong and Mt Helen?

Answer:

NBN Co is not intending to withdraw its application. NBN Co has endeavored to strike a balance between providing valuable telecommunications services and minimizing any visual impact on the community and local environment. The NBN Co Fixed Wireless base stations need to be located in or near the area for which they are designed to provide coverage. The proposed application meets all of Ballarat City Council's planning requirements.