

## 9.5 Appendix F Telecommunications policy

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#### Lodgement requirements

The facility provider is to provide information as requested by Council about the applicant's existing facilities in the area to assist with consideration of this application. The applicant is to provide Council with a statement of environmental effects, and site and locality analysis.

The following controls apply to radiocommunication facilities specifically:

- an EMR assessment in accordance with the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) prediction methodology and report format as described in the Australian Communications Industry Forum (ACIF) Code;
- a prediction map of exposure levels at 1.5m above publicly accessible surfaces within 300 metres of the facility for sites listed as likely community sensitive location at clause 5.1.4(c) in the ACIF Code, or for other sites upon request; and
- photo montage of the proposed facility in context of the location.

Upon request, the applicant is to provide additional documentation such as a heritage report/ impact statement, should the site be identified as a heritage item or as being located within an area of environmental conservation/ significance.

Telecommunication facility (i.e. mobile), providers must provide compliance evidence that indicates that exposure details contained in the application are true and accurate, consistent with the ACIF Code.

Other radiocommunication facility providers must provide an EMR compliance certificate as to exposure details in the application.

#### Site and locality analysis

A site and locality analysis establishes the development context by identifying the constraints and opportunities of the proposed site in relation to existing land uses and existing buildings in the immediate surroundings and the environment generally. It should influence the suitability of the proposed location and the design. For all proposed radiocommunication sites a site and locality analysis plan is to be submitted with all development applications and should indicate in relation to the proposed site for a radius of 300 metres:

- existing vegetation
- site boundaries and dimensions
- topography
- location of existing buildings
- views to and from the proposed site; and
- location of any sensitive land use within the adjacent area, such as schools, child care centres, parks and recreational areas/reserves.

The site and locality analysis must be to scale.

Council requires that in the circumstance where a facility is proposed within 300 metres of a sensitive land use as highlighted above and including special areas, heritage items, streetscapes and conservation areas, an alternative location be considered where possible outside a 300 metres radius from any one of these sites/areas.

#### **Statement of environment effects**

A written statement is to be prepared and must explain how the proposed facility has responded to the site analysis and the objectives of this plan.

This statement is to demonstrate how the precautionary principle has been applied in the siting, design and operation of the proposed facility, included in sections 5.1, 5.2 and 5.7 of the ACIF Code.

#### **Public consultation**

The following public consultation objectives and controls relate to all facilities defined as Non-Low Impact facilities and which require a development application.

The following consultation requirements apply:

- Development applications should comply with Council's requirements on notification and signage;
- Service Providers are to make available all information regarding radiofrequency electromagnetic radiation in accordance with ACIF Code requirements;
- For each facility, a permanent and legible weatherproof sign must be publicly visible in the immediate proximity of the facility and visible to the general public, to identify the name and contact details of the operator or the site manager.
- For each facility, a sign must be erected notifying the intention of the service provider to erect infrastructure on site and providing the name and contact details of the service provider, consistent with the ACIF Code.

### **Conditions of development consent**

The applicant is advised that the approval may be subject to a number of conditions, including but not restricted to the following:

- The approved facility and all related infrastructure must be maintained and repaired to an acceptable standard at all times.
- The approved facility and all related infrastructure must be removed if no longer in use.
- Prior to the operation of the approved facility, a permanent and legible weatherproof sign must be publicly visible, in the close proximity of the facility, displaying the name and contact details of the operator or site manager.
- If the approved facility is located on public infrastructure, such as road and rail infrastructure, public buildings and pedestrian footpaths, and the infrastructure requires replacement or removal, the owner and/or operator will be responsible for the cost of removing/replacing their own facility.
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