

TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES

- STATUS:** **City Policy** - *A policy that is developed for administrative and operational imperatives and has an internal focus.*
- Developed by the Policy Committee and/or the administration and adopted by Council.*
- RESPONSIBLE DIRECTORATE:** Planning and Community Development
- OBJECTIVE:**

STATEMENT:

- 1 The City recognises that it is bound by the Federal legislation relating to telecommunication facilities and that it has no jurisdiction over the location or installation of “low impact” facilities as defined under the *Telecommunications (Low-Impact Facilities) Determination Act 1997*.
- 2 The City, as a general rule, does not support the installation or location of telecommunication facilities, particularly in the vicinity of schools, childcare establishments, hospitals and general residential areas.
- 3 The City recognises the right of land owners/applicants to make applications for planning approval for telecommunication facilities deemed to be other than low impact under the *Telecommunications Act*, and acknowledges its obligation to make a recommendation to the WAPC or determine the application in its own right.
- 4 Having received a Development Application for a telecommunication facility, the City will advertise the proposal for a 30-day period and consult with the local community surrounding the proposed site. Owners and occupiers of property within a radius of 500m will be advised in writing, at the cost of the applicant, and afforded an opportunity to make comment to the Council prior to the matter being considered at a Council meeting.
- 5 In making a recommendation to the WAPC or determining the application the Council will have regard to;
 - (a) the comments and concerns of the local community,
 - (b) the merits of the particular proposal
 - (c) compliance with the industry code of practice,
 - (d) compliance with matters required to be considered under the District Planning Scheme, and
 - (e) the general concerns of the Council regarding the potential effects of telecommunication facilities referred to in point 2 above.

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Related Documentation:

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