

Late Agenda

Ordinary Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at Council Chambers, 1 Belgrave Street, Manly, on:

Monday 14 October 2013

Commencing at 7.30pm for the purpose of considering items included on the Agenda.

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TO: Ordinary Meeting - 14 October 2013
REPORT: Mayoral Minute Report No. 15
SUBJECT: Council Rejects Telstra Tower
FILE NO: MC/13/121491

Telstra's current proposal to locate a high impact mobile phone tower on the site of the Balgowlah Bowling Club as an alternative to the New Street installation they proposed earlier in the year is most disturbing and unacceptable.

Just as the community had overwhelmingly rejected the New Street proposal, the community is once again galvanised in their objection to and rejection of the Balgowlah Bowling Club option.

Unlike the New Street proposal, the Bowling Club site is a High Impact facility that requires development consent from the Council.

Independent of any DA issues, because the site is council property, Telstra will also require tenure from Council to locate their mobile phone tower and support facilities on this site.

At the August 13th meeting of the Balgowlah Heights Precinct Community Forum, the precinct recognised that there is an issue with Telstra mobile coverage in the area but rejected the Balgowlah Bowling Club as an acceptable option. However, the precinct suggested that Telstra should consider other locations including at Tania Park for co-location with other telcos that are already there.

The precinct asked me to contact the Local State Member, Mike Baird, to approach David Thodey, Telstra CEO to discuss the precinct's concerns and proposal to resolve Telstra's coverage issue.

Subsequently, Mike Baird and I met with senior Telstra representatives last Friday. At the meeting, I advised Telstra that Council will not give them tenure to locate their mobile phone tower at Council's Balgowlah Bowling Club site.

At the meeting, Telstra advised Mike Baird and myself that they have ruled out co-location at Tania Park as an option.

I Move that:

Telstra be advised in writing that Council will not be granting tenure for a mobile phone tower anywhere on the site of the Balgowlah Bowling Club.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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