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Senate Standing Committees on Environment and Communications
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Submission Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communication Enquiry into
Telecommunications Amendment (Mobile Phone Towers) Bill.

Dear Committee Secretary,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide as submission into the Enquiry into Telecommunications Amendment (Mobile Phone Towers) Bill 2011.

I live in Taroona, and my community has been battling an inappropriate Mobile phone tower proposal for well over six months.

The initial proposal was near a child care centre, and residences, and generated over 200 objections. The proposal was ultimately objected by council, despite considerable feedback to both Optus and Telstra who have regular meeting with Vodaphone, (as part of the Mobile carriers forum), and council being well aware of issues, and these issues being documented in the media, Vodaphone have just contacted our community with a new proposal for our community, in extremely close proximity to both our Primary School and High School, after the lease has been signed for the land for the tower site.

Clearly the ACIF code and current telecommunications regulations are not working, this is blatant ignoring of community concerns, and consultation, after a lease has been signed, is not consultation.

Legislative change is urgently required, and I support the Bill and urgently ask the committee to support the Bill.

Regards,

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