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Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on
Environment and Communications
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam

**INQUIRY INTO TELECOMMUNICATIONS AMENDMENT (MOBILE PHONE TOWERS) BILL
2011 - RESPONSE TO SHARON ADLAM SUBMISSION**

Thank you for the opportunity to address the comments made in Ms Sharon Adlam's submission to the Committee.

In relation to Ms Adlam's comments, we take the opportunity to clarify:

1. Crown Castle complied at all times and in every respect with the legal and planning regulations applicable to the proposed tower build at Bawley Point, NSW.
2. Crown Castle spent 2 years with the community and Shoalhaven City Council trying to find a suitable location for the tower. We did this as there is a clear and compelling need to improve mobile phone and other wireless services in the area.
3. Ultimately, Crown Castle elected to withdraw the development application on 21 November 2011. Crown Castle received an acceptance of our surrender by Shoalhaven City Council on 2 December 2012 (copy of letter attached).
4. For the record, Shoalhaven City Council owns a number of its own mobile phone towers in the council area, double that of Crown Castle.
5. To conclude, it goes to the point in clause 1(b) of Crown Castle's submission to the Inquiry dated 9 March 2012. It is extremely difficult, and on many occasions simply not possible, to build a new tower under the existing planning regime. This is despite the fact that the need for a tower arises due to persistent local community complaints to the carriers about the lack of effective mobile phone coverage. This means that essential services – like the ability to call 000 in an emergency via a mobile phone may be unavailable to the public. The views of these members of the community do not seem to be considered as part of the planning process. They are consistently disappointed and ignored.

Regards

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2 December 2011

Fred Vella

Dear Mr Vella

**Voluntary Surrender of Complying Development Certificate – Lot 4 DP
730025 Foster Drive, Bawley Point - CD11/1162**

Further to your voluntary surrender of the above consent I notify you in accordance with clause 97 of Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulation 2000, that Council is satisfied:

- That none of the development has been carried out, and;
- That the surrender will not have an adverse impact on any third party or the locality.

Therefore, the voluntary surrender operates, according to its terms, to surrender the consent to which it relates.

Yours faithfully

Warwick Papworth
Ulladulla Office Manager