

**Subject:** Submission - Telecommunications Amendment Bill  
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Dear Secretary of the Committee,

I wish to make a submission in respect the Telecommunications Amendment Bill. My sincere apologies for the lateness of my submission, I hope that it can still be accepted. Please advise if there is an issue accepting it at this point.

My submission is as follows:

I would support all items, except for Item 17. This is one which really cannot be feasible. It states that no facility should be located within 200 m of a community sensitive site. We all know that this is not going to be possible all the time. There are sensitive sites everywhere and the definition of such sites is open to interpretation.

A much better way to approach the problem is to get Telcos to greatly reduce EMR levels by erecting more numerous, but much weaker facilities. A good example is what is happening here in the suburb of Rainworth (Bardon, Qld). Residents requested that Telstra proceed with 3 small sites, instead of one mega site. The EMR emitted from the 3 smaller sites is lower in total than what is currently emitted by the tower in Main Avenue, Bardon, and much lower than what Telstra wanted to emit from Gerler Street, Bardon. These procedures are absolutely feasible for any carrier, they just require better planning and will cost a bit more.

Regards

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