

Inquiry into 5G Australia

Submission - Inquiry into 5G in Australia

Committee Secretary

Inquiry into 5G in Australia
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Dear Secretary,

My submission concerns itself with Terms of Reference – Deployment of 5G

My name is Amanda Fitzgerald. I am a Registered Nurse, Wellness Advocate and Mother.

Having a son on the autistic spectrum, I have taken a keen interest in the current deployment of 5G in Australia, as he is extremely sensitive to electromagnetic fields (EMF's) and radio frequency (RF) radiation. His condition is officially known as Electromagnetic hypersensitivity (EHS). The World Health Organisation characterises EHS as:

'A variety of non-specific symptoms, which afflicted individuals attribute to exposure to EMF. The symptoms most commonly experienced include dermatological symptoms (redness, tingling, and burning sensations) as well as neurasthenic and vegetative symptoms (fatigue, tiredness, concentration difficulties, dizziness, nausea, heart palpitation, and digestive disturbances).'¹

Although EHS is not well understood by medical practitioners, it is a real and disabling problem for effected people. As a result, we do not use any wireless fidelity (WiFi) in our home. Our laptops and iPads are hardwired, our mobile phones remain on flight mode, and he attends a school which does not use technology in the classroom. This is a conscious choice that we need to make to maintain his health and wellbeing.

Thus I am writing my submission for this inquiry based on the '**deployment of 5G**', which is currently being thrust upon my family home without our '**consent**.' Consent is defined as:

¹ <https://www.who.int/peh-emf/publications/facts/fs296/en/>

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‘Permission for something to happen or agreement to do something.’²

I have **not agreed** to 5G being delivered directly into our home via a small cell antenna, and I have **not agreed** for anyone to radiate my family, especially my son. Under the current system of deployment, informed consent has been completely disregarded. This in itself is highly unethical. There is currently no way for us to ‘opt out’ of the increased exposure to EMF’s (electromagnetic fields) which will lead to adverse health outcomes for my family.³

Thus I urge you in this senate inquiry to discuss the principal of ‘**informed consent**’ as a **basic human right** for all Australians regarding **5G’s deployment**. Every person in Australia, regardless of their circumstances, must have the right to ‘opt in’ or ‘opt out’ of 5G exposure in their home. The family home should be a ‘safe haven’ for our children, and this is currently under threat for us.

Yours Faithfully,

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² <https://www.lexico.com/en/definition/consent>

³ <https://bioinitiative.org/conclusions/>