

Subject: Telecommunications Amendment Bill (Enhancing Community Consultation) 2011
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The Committee Secretary
House Standing Committee on Infrastructure and Communications

Dear Secretary

Our community of Bawley Point on the south coast of NSW are having ongoing battles with Crown Castle Australia as they attempt to erect towers within our community. The sites they choose are the most cost effective for them but the least effective from a community point of view, being close to residential areas and /or pristine beaches. Our concern is related to the current regulations which allow the building of such towers without community consultation and without proof of safety within community sensitive sites. Surely the people who must live with these eyesores have the right to object to their proliferation within our community and ensure they are at least placed in locations that are satisfactory to the community that they are affecting. It appears this is what the Bill is suggesting and therefore it has my families support. In this day and age we must ensure that communities maintain some form of right to appeal against business interests who wish to flourish at the expense of communities and that the generations to come are protected from the short sighted profiteering of such businesses. There are always other options and if we have to live with it we want a say in it. Our legislators should be encouraging communities to be responsible for all community needs and not allowing others to determine what we need.

Regards

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