

Subject: New legislation for Telecommunications Act 1997
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To whom it may concern,

I write on behalf of our committee - Protect Point Walter Action Group.

We request that due diligence is followed in the matter before you.

Legislation has been very favourable to Telco's for the past 15 years, it is well time that the community and our health is placed before their interests.

The precautionary approach that is clearly stated in the current Act relating to the placement of Telecommunication infrastructure is desperately in need of modernising to bring to account the impact that Telco's knowingly place community's in when siting this infrastructure.

Telco's play hard ball and it is left to residents and rate payers to mount massive campaigns to protect their own back yards as all levels of Government provide little to any protection.

This issue is a smoking gun and the future generations will pay the price of the lack of protection that Government provide on this issue.

Having to resort to FOI's to get information and getting little to no support from local government provides residents with few avenues to object to Telco infrastructure.

When will Telco's be forced to invest and develop technology as much in the transmission sites as they do in the hand sets that are the financial cash cow?

New technology develops for mobile phones develops at an insatiable pace yet the old technology to transmit remains the same to the detriment of all.

We encourage you to strongly support change to the current legislation it is well over due and time for accountability.

Why should our parks, reserves, residences and neighbourhoods be blighted with this infrastructure that spreads like cancer unimpeded with laws that are arkaic in this present day and age?

Telco's have all the cards and ratepayers should not have to give up years of

their lives fighting to protect what should be a given.

We urge you in the highest degree to protect residents and the environment and insist on legislation that supports this. Our community has to continually fight off Telco's time and time again, this should not be the case.

Your sincerely,

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