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Committee Secretary

House of Representatives Standing Committee on

Infrastructure and Communications

PO Box 621

Parliament House

Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Telecommunications Amendment (Enhancing Community Consultation) Bill 2011

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission in support of the above mentioned Bill.

We live in the NSW South Coast village of Bawley Point and are at present opposing the construction of a new 50 metre telecommunications tower on a neighbouring property on Forster Drive.

Crown Castle Australia has used the NSW SEPP (Infrastructure) 2007 and a complying development certificate to lodge the 'approved' plans to Shoalhaven City Council in August 2011. This all happened without any consultation or notification to neighbours or the local community. It was by chance that community members questioned the presence of surveyor's markers which led to our knowledge of the development. To date we have not received any formal notice from Crown Castle.

Crown Castle Australia is not a Telecommunications carrier; therefore they can construct towers and are not bound by any ACIF code of practice and in our experience their actions do not reflect the code in any way. They have made no attempt to consult the community.

Communities demand and expect to be consulted about these developments and any consequent impact on their local environment. We strongly support this Bill.

Yours sincerely

Denise & Peter Elwin