



## **INSTALLATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES POLICY**

**STATUS:** City Policy—~~A policy that is developed for administrative and operational imperatives and has an internal focus.~~

~~Developed by the Policy Committee and/or the administration and adopted by Council.~~

**RESPONSIBLE DIRECTORATE:** Planning and Community Development

**OBJECTIVE:** To outline the City's position on the installation of telecommunications facilities in the district.

### **1. APPLICATION**

This Policy shall apply to all telecommunications facilities which are proposed to be installed in the City of Joondalup.

### **2. DEFINITIONS**

“telecommunications facility” means any facility as described in the Telecommunications (Low-impact Facilities) Determination Act 1997, (e.g.: mobile phone towers); does not include facilities covered by the City's Satellite Dishes, Aerials and Radio Equipment Policy.

“low impact facility” means a facility used for telecommunications as described in section 3.1 – Facilities of the Telecommunications (Low-impact Facilities) Determination Act 1997.

**Note:** Under the Telecommunications Act 1997 certain facilities cannot be low impact facilities namely designated overhead lines, a tower that is not attached to a building, a tower attached to a building and more than 5 metres high, an extension to a tower that has previously been extended, an extension to a tower if the extension is more than 5 metres high.

“carrier” means a telecommunications company that is licensed by the Australian Communications and Media Authority as a carrier.

### **3. STATEMENT**

2 Wherever practicable, the City, as a general rule, does not support the installation or location of telecommunication facilities, particularly in the vicinity of unnecessarily close to schools, childcare establishments, hospitals and general residential areas.



The City will take into consideration the comments of the local community, if required to consider a Development Application for telecommunications facilities.

#### 4. DETAILS

##### 4.1 Installation of Low Impact Telecommunications Facilities

The City recognises that it is bound by the Federal legislation relating to telecommunication facilities and that it has no jurisdiction over the location or installation of “low impact” facilities ~~as defined under the *Telecommunications (Low-Impact Facilities) Determination Act 1997*~~. Notwithstanding the above, the Policy Statement remains applicable.

##### 4.2 Installation of Other Telecommunications Facilities

The City recognises the right of landowners/applicants to ~~make applications for planning approval~~ submit Development Applications for telecommunication facilities deemed to be other than low impact under the *Telecommunications Act 1997*. and The City also acknowledges its obligation to make a recommendation to the WAPC Western Australian Planning Commission or determine the ~~a~~Application in its own right.

~~Having received~~ On receiving a Development Application for a telecommunication facility, the City will advertise the proposal for a 30-day period and consult with the local community surrounding the proposed site. Owners and occupiers of property within a radius of ~~5400m~~ metres from the location of the proposed facility will be advised in writing, at the cost of the applicant, and afforded an opportunity to make comment ~~to the Council~~ prior to the matter being considered at a Council ~~m~~Meeting.

In making a recommendation to the WAPC Western Australian Planning Commission or determining the application, the Council will have regard to:

- a. the comments and concerns of the local community;
- b. the merits of the particular proposal;
- c. compliance with the ~~industry code of practice~~ Telecommunications Code of Practice 1997;
- d. compliance with matters required to be considered under the City of Joondalup District Planning Scheme No. 2; ~~and~~
- e. the general concerns of the Council regarding the potential effects of telecommunication facilities ~~referred to in point 2~~ above, and
- f. the topography of the site and surrounding area, the size, height and type of the proposed facility, the location and density of surrounding vegetation, and the nature and density of adjacent development.

**CREATION DATE:** ~~October 2007~~ December 2002

**AMENDMENTS:** ~~C172-12/02. CJ206-10/05 CJ207-10/07~~

**RELATED** Telecommunications Act 1997



**DOCUMENTATION:**

*Telecommunications Code of Practice 1997*  
*Telecommunications (Low-impact Facilities) Determination Act 1997*

**Issued:**

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO INSTALLATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES POLICY  
SCHEDULE OF SUBMISSIONS FOLLOWING ADVERTISING  
(CLOSED 28 JUNE 2012)

NO	NAME AND ADDRESS OF SUBMITTER	DESCRIPTION OF AFFECTED PROPERTY	SUBMISSION SUMMARY	OFFICER OR COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATION
1	R Repke	1 Pittwater Close Kallaroo WA 6025	The submitter requests that the 500m radius criterion for written notification to owners and residents of property not be reduced to 400m.	Noted.  The modification of the advertising radius from 500m to 400m is considered to be appropriate as this is the radius the City uses to advertise other significant development applications.  The proposed radius is not intended to be indicative of the potential impact the facility may have on an area.