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1. Town Planning Scheme No 40 – Subclause 2.7.12.

ADOPTED POLICY	
Title:	TOWN PLANNING SCHEMES – ASSESSMENT OF APPLICATIONS FOR SATELLITE DISHES AND MICROWAVE ANTENNAE IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS
Objective:	Minimise the visual impact of dishes and antennae on residential areas by encouraging discreet development.

1.0 Application of Policy

This Policy applies to the installation of all satellite dishes with a diameter of 1m or more within a residential zone, and to all microwave antennae within a residential zone.

2.0 Provisions

- 2.1 In considering all applications for satellite dishes and microwave antennae in residential areas, Council shall have regard to the visual impact of the installation upon the subject site, the street and the surrounding properties in terms of design, size, colour, height, material and general appearance.
- 2.2 Satellite dishes with a diameter of no greater than 1.5m may be either roof mounted or installed at ground level, provided that a roof mounted dish does not extend above the ridge line of the roof and would not adversely affect the visual amenity of the street and the adjoining properties.
- 2.3 Satellite dishes with a diameter greater than 1.5m should be located at ground level only. Any dish located at ground level is to be a maximum height of 3m above ground level and be located and/or screened so that their visual impact is minimised from any street or adjoining property.

3.0 Consultation

Owners of affected residential properties are to be advised, and invited to make comment within 14 days, for all applications for satellite dishes and microwave antennae.

4.0 Determination of Applications

Notwithstanding the above, an application that does not comply with the Policy provisions may be approved where:

- 4.1 Council is satisfied that the Policy objective is met and that the structure will not have an adverse impact upon the amenity of the area; and
- 4.2 Justification and supporting information are provided from a qualified consultant that there are valid technical reasons why the structure is not able to comply with the policy provisions, and that no other suitable location exists on the site; or
- 4.3 Effective screening exists to obscure vision of the structure from either the street and/or adjoining property.
- 4.4 Where, in the opinion of Council, an application for the structure, due to the constraints of the site, cannot be located in an alternative position to the one being proposed, then Council may give approval if it considers that the structure does not represent a significant visual impact on the surrounding area.