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1. Town Planning Scheme No 40 – Subclause 2.7.12.

ADOPTED POLICY	
Title:	TOWN PLANNING SCHEMES – CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE
Objective:	To facilitate and provide for the control of the development of telecommunication facilities, which are compatible with the surrounding urban environment, whilst recognising the need to provide an efficient communication network for the community.

In consideration of applications for development approval for telecommunications facilities, Council shall have regard to the following:

1.0 General

- 1.1 Broad band aerial cabling is generally not supported by the Council. All cabling should be underground which is not likely to affect the lifestyle of residents or the amenity of the area.
- 1.2 Consultation is to be undertaken with landowners and occupiers of properties potentially affected by a proposed mobile tower and the proposal in accordance with the 'SA' requirements of Town Planning Scheme No 40.
- 1.3 Council may consult with other telecommunication carriers to establish whether similar facilities are proposed in the area.

2.0 Location

- 2.1 Location of telecommunication facilities such as antennae to be encouraged on existing buildings.
- 2.2 Applications for new facilities will only be considered where the applicant has provided adequate evidence that all opportunities for location of the new facilities with existing facilities have been investigated and that location is not feasible for technical or aesthetic reasons. Independent advice on this matter may be sought if carriers are not able to provide satisfactory justifications.
- 2.3 Location of such facilities should be encouraged in industrial/commercial zones, regional open spaces, or similar location.
- 2.4 Telecommunication facilities should not be located within 300m radius of sensitive uses such as schools, child day care centres, nursing homes, hospitals, children's playgrounds and all existing/proposed residential areas.

3.0 Design

- 3.1 The facility or structure should be designed to provide for the future location of additional facilities or structures.
- 3.2 The design and location of any telecommunication facilities should have minimal impact on the streetscape and the visual amenity of the surrounding built and natural environment.
- 3.3 Towers and antennae to be designed to blend in with the local environment or associated building with the use of neutral non reflective compatible colours.



- 3.4 Surrounding vegetation to be retained as far as possible. Any new landscaping should include advanced species of vegetation found in accordance with the surrounding area.
- 3.5 If upgraded, all obsolete telecommunication infrastructure should be removed and the land reinstated with landscaping.