

Councillor Vincent De Luca OAM

Motion of Urgency
Proposed Mobile Phone Base Station, Lot 2/Cromer Road, Cromer – DA2011/0668

That this Council resolves to:

a. Note the concerns of the Cromer Action Group that the proposed Mobile Phone Base Station at Lot 2 Cromer Road is:

1. A HEALTH RISK

The World Health Organisation has recently (31/5/2011) formally classified mobile phone transmissions in the same risk category for causing cancer as car exhaust fumes, welding fumes, dry cleaning liquid, chloroform and acetaldehyde (the stuff that makes you throw up when you have a hangover). This is the most up to date and authoritative advice from an independent, non-industry aligned or funded, multi-national body.

2. TOO CLOSE TO RESIDENCES

The proposed base station site is *less than 100m from residences*. This is despite the 'Warringah Development Control Plan - Mobile Phone Base Stations' recommending a 300 metre set-back from residential land!

3. ADJACENT TO TWO CHILD CARE CENTRES

There are two child care centres in Cromer right next to the proposed location. The centres on Cromer Road and Blighs Road are part of Warringah Council Family Day Care facilities.

4. IS NOT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AS IT WILL HAVE A NEGATIVE VISUAL IMPACT AND DOMINATE THE STREET SCAPE AND SURROUNDING LOCALITY

The mobile phone base station will impact on the visual amenity of the area – the height of the base station is 17.7m! This will be at the top of a 100m elevation. Surrounding trees vary in height from 5-9m only. This will have a negative visual impact upon the beautiful natural and built environment in Cromer. According to Telstra's own DA submission, *it will be visible from over 1km away!*

5. WILL HAVE AN ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT

Telstra proposes to cut down trees so they don't interfere with the proposed base station. Furthermore, it is proposed more trees be cut down so that they don't interfere with the overhead wires going to the base station and finally Telstra wants to clear bushland and cut down further trees to make a fire break all the way around the proposed base station site.

B. That the Elected Council expresses its opposition to this proposal and calls on Telstra Ltd to withdraw its proposal.