

17 March 2010

TO THE OCCUPANT

Dear Sir/Madam,

Important Information Regarding a Proposed Telecommunications (Mobile Telephone) Facility at Sydney Olympic Park

Optus is proposing to install a mobile telecommunications facility on the rooftop of the Paddington Pavilion, Cnr. of Olympic Boulevard and New England Avenue, Sydney Olympic Park, to provide its new WCDMA 2100 (3G) mobile phone network in the Sydney Olympic Park area. The proposed installation is being deployed in partnership with Vodafone and will enable both carriers to provide their new 3G network services by sharing the installation of one mobile facility.

Optus in partnership with Vodafone wants to ensure that the local community has adequate opportunity to comment on the proposal. Therefore Optus, in partnership with Vodafone, has commenced a consultation process for the proposal in line with the requirements of the *Industry Code for the Deployment of Mobile Phone Network Infrastructure*, otherwise known as the ACIF Code.

The objective of the community consultation process is to provide members of the local community and Sydney Olympic Park Authority (SOPA) with information about the proposed facility and to enable Optus to give consideration to any comments or concerns raised by the community before it makes a decision to proceed with the installation of the proposed facility.

The enclosed Information Pack provides detailed information regarding the proposed mobile facility. There is a vast amount of additional information in the public domain on EME, base stations and health, and care should be taken to check the validity of information to ensure it is from a recognised, credible and authoritative source.

Should you have any questions or require any further information or wish to discuss this further, please don't hesitate to contact me via the contact details below.

Yours sincerely



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Proposal to install a Telecommunications (Mobile Telephone) Facility on the rooftop of the Paddington Pavilion, Cnr. of Boulevard and New England Avenue, Sydney Olympic Park NSW 2127

In response to calls for greater council and community involvement and more information when telecommunications facilities are installed, an *Industry Code for the Deployment of Mobile Phone Network Infrastructure* has been introduced.

One of the requirements of the Code is to notify people who may be interested and affected by the proposal. The Code also specifies certain information that must be made available to you by Optus.

The Code does not change the existing regulatory regime for telecommunications at local, State or Federal level. However, it supplements the carriers' existing obligations, particularly in relation to community consultation and the consideration of exposure to radio signals, sometimes known as electromagnetic energy (EME or EMR).

As defined in the Code, "**Consultation** means a process whereby Carriers seek to inform other parties about a proposed project at particular premises with the intention of giving those parties an opportunity to respond to the proposal and to have their responses considered." (P.7 ACIF C564:2004)

"Interested and Affected Parties includes persons who reside within the immediate vicinity of the facility and may have an interest in the proposed facility." (P9 ACIF C564:2004)

As specified in the Code (P.17), the objectives of the consultation include:

- i. identifying and informing Interested and Affected Parties of the proposed project*
- ii. providing adequate time for Interested and Affected Parties to consider and engage in meaningful dialogue on the project*
- iii. maximising the level of accurate and accessible information about the project to Interested and Affected Parties;*
- iv. identifying and attempting to resolve potential issues early in the site planning process; and*
- v. obtaining mutually acceptable outcomes on individual projects;*

The Code (P. 17) also states that "a consultation program may not always:

- i. satisfy all participants; or*
- ii. resolve all differences of opinion or values.*

The ACIF Code consultation framework enhances meaningful dialogue with councils and local communities so that better decisions about siting mobile telecommunications infrastructure are made.

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The Code requires Optus to consult people who may be interested and affected by the proposal about the proposed development. For your information, we have also notified Sydney Olympic Park Authority (SOPA), Royal Agricultural Society of NSW and the general public by way of public notices in the *Inner West Weekly* and the *Auburn Review* local newspapers.

Details about the proposed installation are as follows:

Description of the proposed installation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of four new panel antennas measuring 1.33 (L) x 0.37m (w) x 0.12m (D) on the rooftop of the Paddington Pavilion building. • Installation of a fitout room (2.5 metres x 3 metres x 3 metres) at the ground level inside the Paddington Pavilion building. • Installation of associated equipment inside the new fitout room and on the rooftop of the Paddington Pavilion building.
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Phone contact for references to EMR information	Further information on a range of issues relevant to the placement of mobile phone towers (including industry codes of practice and legislation and fact sheets on mobile phones and health) is available at http://emr.acma.gov.au or by phoning (02) 6219 5555 and asking for the EME & Telecommunications Infrastructure Section. This web portal takes you directly to the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) website. The Australian Communications and Media Authority is a government regulator of telecommunications and radiocommunications.

Proposed Installation Classification	Optus regards the proposed installation as a Low-impact Facility under the <i>Telecommunications (Low-impact Facilities) Determination 1997</i> ("The Determination")	
	The reasons for this conclusion are based on the classification of the following components of the facility in relation to the Determination.:	
	Facility	Complies with item in Determination.
	Antenna: 3 x Panel antennas Length : 1.33m Width : 0.37m Depth : 0.12m Colour : Light Grey	Schedule Part 1 - Radio Facilities Item no. 3
	Equipment Shelter - 1 x equipment fitout room (2.50 metres x 3.00 metres x 3.00 metres)	Schedule Part 3 - Above Ground Housing Item 5
	Ancillary and associated equipment – Items such as air-conditioning unit, safety equipment, amplifiers, diplexers, triplexes, mounts, feeders, cable trays, transformers, tower structure steelwork and other associated infrastructure are all considered to be necessary to facilitate the safe operation of the authorised facilities. These are authorised by clause 4 of Part 3 of The Determination and Clause 6, of Division 3 of Schedule 3 of the <i>Telecommunications Act 1997</i> .	
	No development approval is required in respect of this installation.	

In accordance with the requirements of the Code, any comments you may have in relation to this proposal should be received by Daly International (for Optus) no later than **13 April 2010**.

Optus and Vodafone will take your comments into consideration before making a decision about the proposal.

A further requirement of the Code is for Optus to provide the Council with a Consultation Report about the responses received from those notified and the results of any other consultation conducted under its plan.

The Code requires Optus to include in the report:

- (a) A summary of comments received during the consultation process
- (b) Optus's consideration of these comments
- (c) A statement about Optus's intended actions regarding the proposed work

When the consultation is complete, you are welcome to receive a copy of this report. You may access this report through SOPA or you may indicate that you wish to receive a copy of this report in your submission. In the latter instance, we would require an email or postal address to be included.

Further Information

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