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OPTUS TOWER APPLICATION REJECTED



Council has rejected an application to erect a 25 m telephone tower at 94 Winspears Road, East Devonport.

The application was made by Optus Mobile Pty Ltd with the proposed site adjacent to a water tower at 27 Cameray Street, Panorama Heights.

The telecommunications facility planned included a monopole antennae, three panel antennae, 15 radio remote units mounted behind the antennae, a parabolic antennae and, at ground level, the associated equipment cabinet and ancillary equipment situated within a secure compound.

A total of 67 representations and a 93-signature petition were received opposing the application.

Most objections cited health concerns for residents living nearby and the need for further research on the health impacts of telecommunications towers close to residential areas.

Concerns were also raised that :

- The 14-day representation period was not long enough and more time was required to gather and inform people
- The potential devaluation of nearby properties
- The proximity of the tower to the adjacent water reservoir and;
- The presence and effects on protected fauna in the vicinity.

Aldermen determined they were not satisfied that the proposal would not have adverse health and safety impacts on the surrounding community.

They rejected the application under the provisions contained in Part E8.6.2 - relating to health, safety and visual impact - of the Telecommunications Code of the Devonport Interim Planning Scheme 2013.

MASTER PLANS ADOPTED

The 10-year Pioneer Park and Highfield Park Master Plans have been adopted by Council.

The Pioneer Park Master Plan 2018-2028 has been developed in acknowledgment of the infrastructure and use changes since Council adopted the first master plan 10 years ago. The following actions outlined in the 2008 plan have been completed:

- Removal of existing metallic fencing separating Pioneer Park from Apex Park
- Park bench seats, picnic tables and BBQ installed
- Removed damaged and installed new bins
- Pathways constructed surrounding play space including link to amenities block
- Single user pathway constructed from play space to Drew Street
- Play equipment, skate park and road safety bike park installed – the latter two with generous community financial and in-kind contributions
- Soft landscaping and;
- New amenities block

Over 250 residents had input into the planned activities for the next 10 years. In the short-term over the next two years Council will install seating at the skate park and more picnic tables near the BBQ, review the location of waste bins to reduce litter across the park, and explore ways to improve pedestrian safety and restrict vehicular access.

The Highfield Park Master Plan will be a guiding document for the development of Highfield Park over the next decade. Highfield Park is 1.06 ha of public open space in ownership of the Council and located internally between Morris Avenue and Chichester Drive.

The Master Plan reflects the work of local residents, the broader community and Council to improve liveability in the Highfield neighbourhood over the next 10 years. More than 300 residents had input into the plan. Activities planned in the next two years include the installation of seating and picnic tables.

SUCCESSFUL TENDERS

Claude Neon Tasmania has successfully tendered \$105,434 for the supply of an indoor colour LED modular screen to be used within the paranple convention centre.

The need for an outdoor screen is currently being considered and if a decision is made to purchase one it will be done through the same tenderer.

A contract for a \$111,038 professional concert Line Array Sound System was awarded to Alive Technologies. The sound system is adequate to meet the needs of national and international touring acts without the need to sub-hire

additional equipment.

The indoor screen and sound system will attract an equipment hire fee from users to offset the purchase and depreciation expenses, similar to equipment currently installed at the DECC.

Meanwhile, a tender for \$108,900 from Walter J. Pratt Pty Ltd, for the replacement of four filters and associated pipe work that supports the outdoor swimming pool at the Splash Aquatic Centre, was also accepted. The filtration equipment was first commissioned more than 17 years ago and is now due for replacement.

COUNCIL TO REMAIN IN REGIONAL BODY

Council has re-committed to the Cradle Coast Authority (CCA), a regional advocacy body established by the nine councils in the region almost two decades ago.

In June 2014 Council advised the CCA of its intention to withdraw effective from 30 June 2017, but this was later extended until the end of the current financial year.

Council was advised that its withdrawal would likely fragment the region and impact on projects of a regional nature such as Shared Services, Coastal Pathway, Masters Games, tourism marketing and Natural Resource Management.

Regional advocacy on education, health, freight and transport issues would also be negatively impacted.

Council would have to provide its own resources to undertake some of the projects/activities - including tourism marketing and NRM - currently performed by the CCA.

Council is supportive of recent rule changes, which it believes will make the Authority more accountable, effective and efficient.