MAIN
 +61 2 9957 6611

 FAX
 +61 2 9957 2990

 MOB
 +61 424 540 283

 EMAIL
 heidi.mason@colliers.com



8th of April 2022

City of Parramatta Attention: Daniel Kirkby-Jones 126 Church Street, Parramatta NSW 2124

Dear Daniel,

Vodafone Network Pty Limited ("Vodafone") lease from City of Parramatta Full Address: North Rocks Road, Carlingford NSW 2118

Vodafone Site Code: 1751

Re: Community Consultation regarding Vodafone Installation

We act as managing agents on behalf of Vodafone for network property matters in Australia

We refer to the letter dated 22nd of February 2022, with regards to the Vodafone installation at the above site received from Parramatta Council on 1st of March 2022.

In reference to that correspondence, I respond accordingly.

(1). Tower ownership and residents' health & safety

It is important to clarify at the outset that the high voltage tower (lines) are not owned by Vodafone but are established power pylons whose key purpose is to provide power to the local community.

Vodafone's antennas are attached to the top of the power pylon as depicted below and we confirm that these antenna and equipment have been operating at this location for 20 years.

However, for the purpose of this transaction for the lease renewal, the high voltage tower is not the issue of consideration as Vodafone is only seeking to enter into a lease with Council for the shelter at the base of the High Voltage Tower. See below as circled in red.







Vodafone comply with all relevant health and safety legislation. Vodafone also ensure that our base station comply with internationally recognised guidelines on radio frequency field levels. These guidelines, which have wide safety margins designed to protect the community, including children and the elderly, 24 hours a day. They are recommended to us by the Australian Government, and they have the formal backing of the World Health Organization. If you have more questions on the Australian Standard for Radio Protection safety, please contact the Federal Department of Health ARPANSA or the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA). Please refer to the http://www.arpansa.gov.au or http://www.arpansa.gov.au

Prior to installation, Vodafone engaged an assessor to produce a report of the Environmental EME levels. This report calculates the worst-case cumulative EME levels as a percentage of the Australian Standard and considers any existing and proposed mobile services. The Environmental report, the template, methodology and underlying assumptions, are strictly defined by the authority on EME-the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA).

The current EME report for this installation shows a maximum EME level on the ground of 0.63% (with the limited being 100%) which is well below the limit set by ARANSA for the general public.

A copy of this report is attached.

2. Property Value

We do know that there are over 10,000 base stations across the country in all types of locations from city buildings, sporting ovals, hospitals, and parks, throughout CBD, suburban and rural environments. We are not aware of any reputable study indicating the proximity of base stations negatively impacting property values. In contrast, telecommunications infrastructure is key inorder to provide an essential service.

We can confirm that there is no upgrade programme planned at present. However, upgrades by the Carriers to provide the local community with increased data capacity and the ability to access new generations of mobile technology are common. Any such changes in the future would be undertaken in accordance with the Telecommunications (Low Impact Facilities) Determination 1997 and notifications would be undertaken with the Deployment Code 2020. Additionally, the changes would be required to comply with all relevant health and safety legislation.

If the community have further interest in the site and wish to be notified of any potential future changes to the equipment at this location (by either Vodafone or Optus) they can subscribe to a site or postcode on the rfnsa.com.au to get email updates of changes to existing and new site proposals in your area.





We trust that the information we have provided will assist with your query, however, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

Heidi Mason

Associate Director – Leasing | Occupier Services

