
This record is provided as a summary of the questions asked by members of the public during Public Question Time at a meeting of the Yarra City Council. This summary includes the names of questioners, the subject matter of questions, the person providing a response and whether or not an answer was provided. An audio recording of the Council Meeting (including Public Question Time) is available on Council's website for twelve months following the meeting. **If a question is taken on notice, any response provided after the meeting is included here in red text.**

7.1 Ms Carol Pelham Thorman - Mobile Phone Infrastructure

Question:

The company TPG is infiltrating, from the commercial and business precincts, into "residential areas". (with the installation of phone antennae on lamp posts) The Mobile Phone Code C564:2011 (known as the Deployment Code) provides the framework for councils and communities to be informed, consulted and engaged in relation to the deployment of mobile phone infrastructure.

Though council's approval is not required I would like to know how the City of Yarra have been consulted and then engaged with the company in the deployment of these antennae into sensitive residential sites. (Levels of RF and ENE) as one is to be installed 10 metres from my bedroom pillow.

Response:

The Mayor read out the above question due to Carol's absence.

The Mayor advised that the telecommunications code deems that if a low impact facility is installed there is no requirement for approval from Council.

However, Council is invited to comment on the draft consultation plan prior to the formal consultation process.

In this particular instance, two small-cell antennas are proposed to be mounted on a pole at a height of 7.2m together with cabling and ancillary equipment.

Formal consultation has commenced by TPG, with submissions to be received by 22 June. Therefore Ms Thorman will be able to respond directly to TPG with any concerns.