

From: WTAG [<mailto:woombah.tower@gmail.com>] **Sent:** Friday, 21 June 2013 3:24 PM **To:** Aitken, Greg **Subject:** RE: Proposed NBN Fixed Wireless Facility at 97 West Street Woombah

Dear Jacqueline Crompton,

Thank you for your letter RE: Proposed NBN Fixed Wireless Facility at Woombah dated 18 June 2013.

Our initial investigations indicate that this letter has been distributed to the Woombah Community to a ratio of 1:3 households. Your letter suggests that 40 persons attended the Community Information Session on 2 May 2013. While we dispute this number of attendees, we are confident that the attendance rate would have been significantly higher had Visionstream/NBN Co/Ericsson delivered Notice of Community Information Session to the same ratio of 1:3 households in the first instance.

We understand that 17 positive feedback forms were obtained from the Community Information Session and this does not constitute an 'overwhelming majority of residents who attended the Information Session were in support of the proposed facility'. A small majority would have 21 positive feedback forms. An overwhelming majority would have been substantially more positive feedback forms than that. Please substantiate your claim with reference evidence.

Woombah Tower Action Group (WTAG) have completed a sample survey of the area via a Petition "To Stop The Woombah Tower". WTAG are grateful to the 94.7% of the respondents who signed the petition. We will submit the entire survey to you as reference evidence at the conclusion of the Petition Period.

WTAG and the residents of Woombah have endeavoured to strike a balance between the valuable services and the well founded concerns of residents - submissions included a range of options to Visionstream/NBN Co/Ericsson:

- Re-locate tower
- Remove Woombah from WiFi footprint
- Halt planning to evaluate Node for VDSL2 copper/fibre Bridge
- Delay proposed tower until 2 weeks after the Federal Election
- Leave Woombah in the Satellite footprint indefinitely until a satisfactory alternative is identified ...to name a few.

However all possible options were rejected outright. We are of course left to ponder the actual purpose of submissions and Community Consultation in this matter. WTAG are not aware of any specific submissions requesting FTTP, we all understand this is not cost effective.

Cost effectiveness is of importance to everyone, including the Office of the Shadow Communications Minister, Malcolm Turnbull. In a very consultative process, Malcolm Turnbuls Office have confirmed that within two weeks of the Federal Election, NBN Co's Terms of Reference will be modified allowing NBN Co to install VDSL copper/fibre Nodes on the basis that everyone in Woombah will be in 700 meters of the Node.

As you can imagine, this is cost effective and will deliver Internet Access at exponentially faster speeds than 25/5 as would be the case with WiFi.

WTAG does not recognise the World Health Organisation (WHO) on Wireless Technologies. We need not make specific reference to the WHO announcements on Mobile Phone Precautions that took 30 years to establish - in spite of solid, repeatable and urgent scientific data leading up to the announcement. Sadly, this WHO Advisory on Mobile Phone use came too late for many people and their families. WHO consistently have not acted in the interests of safety first - as can be seen with Tobacco, Asbestos, Mobile Phones and the removal of ethyl mercury from childhood vaccines as a 'precaution' - some 40 years of it's use. Until such times as the WHO becomes a duly elected and represented body of the UN member Nations, WTAG will maintain the Advisory of Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) who state:

" *The health implications of biological effects below limits specified in the RF Standard are not known.* Accordingly, there is no established data for bio-effects below the limits that could be used for setting the levels of basic restrictions. **There is an extensive world wide research program into the possible health effects of low level RF exposure.** ARPANSA will review the limits of the Standard if evidence does emerge of a causal link between low level RF exposure and adverse health effects in humans."

We appreciate your understanding of our position on the matter of Human Health and should further communications be made by you, please update the exposure levels to INCLUDE the wireless router/modem required to utilise the service transmission. Ideally the exposure rates should include the tower transmissions at full power and a potential 50% community uptake of the service including premises devices used to connect. ie. two neighbours connecting are exposed to 1. The Towers EMR 2. Neighbour 1 EMR 3. Neighbour 2 EMR etc.

Unfortunately, after contacting Ericsson directly we were unable to confirm your employment with Ericsson as you stated in your letter of 18 June 2013. We have directed our correspondence via GREG AITKEN of Visionstream to pass onto you, as you requested, because you 'have no work e-mail address'.

WTAG regrets to inform you that no-matter the outcome of our communications, NBN Co will not be proceeding with the proposed facility at 97 West Street, WOOMBAAH. WTAG would like to confirm our current position that a Node is the best, cheapest and safest solution to provide valuable services to Woombah residents.

kind regards as always,

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