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To whom it may concern,

Regarding the proposed amendments to the NSW State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007 (SEPP). My experiences of dealing with NBN Co in connection with a proposed 45m nbn tower in my community.

In my experience, the planning law is far too generous, contributing to a situation where no one will intervene.

NBN Co needs to be more transparent and accountable to local council, communities and neighbouring properties in the placement and positioning of any towers.

Also more efficient with the use of existing towers.

Specific amendment:

Schedule 19, item 8, page 48

Schedule 3A Exempt and complying development in relation between to telecommunications facilities

Insert after paragraph (a) wherever occurring in Column 2 of the matter relating to item 5 in the table to Part 2:

(a1) be located within 100 metres of a dwelling, or

Although I am pleased with this proposed amendment, I do not think that the minimum distance away from dwellings is adequate. The towers under consideration are up to 50m tall, are not in keeping with the rural and agricultural nature of the zones that you permit them to be in, are not low impact, are visually intrusive (almost double the height of a large, mature, eucalyptus trees!), five times the height of maximum allowable buildings, ignore nearby considerations - heritage and history of the area, environmental conservation, bush fire and can be placed in inappropriate locations for line of sight - in a low-lying water course rather than nearby on the hill! Some of these considerations are in the 2010 broadband guidelines, which are not being effectively applied.

Accordingly, the minimum distance from a tower:

My preference would be a minimum distance of 500m based on a number of factors -

Visual impairment as described above and taking into account that nbn prefers to site towers where there is no requirement for vegetation clearing - as this requires council approval.

Towers are not placed close to or on neighbouring property boundaries.

Consultation with the neighbours in the planning and design phase of the development, taking in consideration to the impact to neighbouring properties.

Most importantly - I understand that the Department of Education has issued guidance that the minimum distance preferred is 500m from schools, as many residences contain families with children - this seems like the most prudent decision.

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