

## 1. COUNCIL POLICY RELATING TO CELLULAR TRANSMITTING SITES STANDARDS

The Strategy and Resources Committee is reporting to the present meeting recommending a number of amendments to the existing Council policy, to take account of changes which have occurred since it was originally adopted, and also to permit the siting of telecommunications equipment on Council-owned land where appropriate. (Clause 3 of the report of the Strategy and Resources Committee refers.)

Clause 2 of the present policy deals with the siting of such equipment on parks and reserves and provides:

### ***“Siting of Telecommunication Equipment on Council Reserves or Parks Guidelines for Applicants***

*Seek alternative commercial zone siting in the first instance, failing which the Council would look at permitting establishment on its reserves and parks, but subject to (a) the minimisation of health effects through strategic siting, (b) meeting environmental standards such as contained in 4.4.2 of the draft City Plan.*

*Note: • The siting on Council reserves and parks would be preferable to the siting of transmitting towers amongst residences.*

- The time spent by individual persons within the reserves or parks was likely to be less than they would spend at their residences, and they would be more mobile in an open space environment.”*

The subcommittee recommends that the following amended policy be adopted to permit the siting of telecommunication equipment on Council-owned land.

### ***“Cellular Transmitting Sites on Council-Owned Land***

#### ***Siting of Telecommunication Equipment on Council-Owned Land Guidelines for applicants***

*Seek alternative non-residential zone siting in the first instance, failing which the Council will follow a protocol developed to look at permitting establishment on its own land meeting the environmental standards contained in the Utilities Chapter of the City Plan, including a maximum public exposure level of 200 microwatts per square centimetre ( $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$ ).*”

**Recommendation:** That the amended policy be adopted.