

Chief Executive Officer

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Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC
Chairman
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Legislative Council Western Australia
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr Swinbourn

Thank you for your letter received in my office on 23 October 2017, regarding the Petition No 3- Proposed telecommunications tower, Bell Hill Reserve.

Firstly, I would like to take the opportunity to confirm that Telstra takes its responsibilities to both the broader and Indigenous communities very seriously, particularly where new infrastructure is concerned and complies with all relevant planning, heritage, cultural heritage and environmental legislation.

I have shared your letter and the documentation provided with our local team who have reviewed this matter in detail. The proposed mobile telecommunications facility at Bell Hill Reserve, will be owned by nbn co. and as such they are the lead agency for the acquisition, design, community engagement and construction of the facility.

Telstra was directed to the proposed site by the Shire of Chittering and has applied to co-locate our infrastructure there, in order to minimise any impacts to the local community that may arise from a potential second site.

The proposed site also provides an opportunity to expand the predicted local coverage footprint of the original Mobile Black Spot site proposal, approximately 1.3km away, given the increased height of the nbn location in comparison.

Thank you again for raising these concerns with me and I trust the above information is helpful with your deliberations. I wish you and the committee the very best in your important ongoing work in the community.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Kenna'.