

New telecommunications tower proposed for Arawata

Council will begin the statutory process to discontinue an area of Fairbank Road in Arawata to make way for the construction of a telecommunications tower.

The site on Fairbank Road is already being used by Telstra. The construction of a telecommunications tower will achieve the objectives of the Government's Mobile Black Spot Program to improve mobile phone coverage and competition in regional and remote areas.

The statutory process will call for public submissions, therefore providing the public with the opportunity to comment on the proposal.

The former Telstra site is situated on an open government road reserve (Crown land) that is registered on Council's Public Road Register. As the site is part of an open government road reserve, Council needs to remove the road status from it in order for the relevant approvals to be provided for construction of the telecommunications tower.

Once the road status is removed, the site will become unreserved Crown land under the responsibility of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), which can negotiate a tenure of the site to Telstra.

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