



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Petition

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| Title | Telstra Telecommunications Facility, Larapinta Alice Springs |
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| Presented by | Mr Giles |
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TO GERRY McCARTHY, MEMBER FOR BARKLY, THE HONOURABLE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

We, the undersigned, respectfully call upon the Northern Territory Government to take action to stop the construction of the proposed **Telstra Telecommunications Facility – Lot 8090 Larapinta, Alice Springs.**

The construction of a 30 meter tower with a 45 meter diameter footprint on this highly visible ridge line will unreasonably detract from the amenity of the locality and set a negative precedent.

We, the undersigned, respectfully encourage the NT Government to actively encourage Telstra and other telecommunications providers to find alternate possible locations to put the necessary infrastructure where they do not detract upon the visual amenity of our pristine West MacDonnell Ranges

Response

On 22 June 2010, a development application was lodged on behalf of Telstra to develop Lot 8090, 32 Grant Road, suburb of Larapinta, Alice Springs, for the purpose of a telecommunications facility (including a 30 metre high guyed mast, equipment shelter, antennas, fencing, electrical and optical fibre connections).

The application was placed on public exhibition in accordance with the requirements of the *Planning Act* to allow the community to comment and make submissions on the proposal.

I am advised that the Development Consent Authority held a public hearing on 13 October 2010 to consider the proposal and the submissions received from the community and decided to approve the development but with a reduced mast height of 24 metres.