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Telecommunications Network Plan PO Box 365 MITCHELL ACT 2911

3GIS Telecommunications Facilities Network Plan - Duffy

The Weston Creek Community Council (WCCC) welcomes this opportunity to contribute to the public consultation process on the proposed 3GIS Network Plan, with particular attention to the proposed antenna on Warragamba Avenue, Duffy.

The WCCC has been actively involved in Weston Creek as a consultation conduit for the local community since 1991. The WCCC is a non-political, voluntary lobby group representing the residents of Weston Creek and is an informed, active and pragmatic contributor to public debates in Weston Creek. Our website (www.wccc.com.au) has further details about the WCCC.

The Council has received comments from residents living in close proximity to the proposed Duffy antenna. These comments strongly reject the antenna because of its negative visual impact. The residents in the area lost their streetscape in the January 2003 Bushfire and consider the proposed antenna to be a further degradation of the area.

The WCCC notes that the proposed antenna will be similar, albeit taller, in appearance to the existing street lighting poles on Warragamba Avenue, Duffy. The associated equipment unit will also be similar to Telstra units that already exist around Canberra.

The WCCC again expresses its appreciation at being given an opportunity to comment on the discussion paper.

Yours sincerely

Jeff Carl Chairperson

Weston Creek Community Council