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Lodged Via Online Form

Dear Mr Purdon

MOBILE PHONE BASE STATION DEPLOYMENT CODE REVISION 2018 DRAFT

I write to provide Optus' response to the draft Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment Code DR C564:2018 issued by Communications Alliance Ltd on 20 June 2018.

The Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment Code 2014 (Code) is vital to the delivery of mobile networks in Australia. Optus utilizes the framework provided in the Code to deliver and upgrade its network to keep pace with the requirements of Australian mobile customers.

As background, Optus' experience is that:

- the Code strikes a balance between efficient delivery of demanded mobile services and community consultation expectations.
- the Code has been operating effectively since the last review in 2014 but requires updating to reflect changes in accepted communications methods and changes in technology which will deliver the next generation of mobile networks being 5G.

SMALL SCALE TECHNOLOGIES

The next stage of mobile networks will deliver improved connectivity, increased services and improvements in customer experience. The infrastructure required to deliver these benefits will mean changes to existing network as well as deployment of new small cell type equipment.

Having a specific consultation framework to assist deployment of this type of facility will be vital to facilitate the deployment of the next generation of mobile infrastructure in Australia.

Optus strongly supports the addition of this section to the Code.

CODE UPDATES

The draft Code incorporates current communication methods that are now widely used and expected by the community. Communication via email and use of web based information portals are an efficient and effective means of informing stakeholders about new deployments and this is now explicitly adopted within the Code. This will promote improved community engagement and improved transparency around mobile base station deployment activity in Australia.

It is Optus' view that the draft Code addresses the Terms Of Reference and the revised Code has been updated to remove redundant content and improve readability. As such Optus supports the adoption of the Draft Code and considers the proposed changes are vital to support deployment of mobile technologies in Australia.

Please contact me on 0412 679 527 or howard.game@optus.com.au if you require further information about Optus' response.

Yours sincerely



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