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ACTION PLAN FOR OBJECTING TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE

Admin have been working earnestly behind the scenes to formulate an action plan for preventing the rollout of 5G in the Byron Shire.

What can the community do to stop the rollout of 5G in the Byron Shire?

Nationally, communities have been successful at preventing mobile phone towers/ devices/ upgrades from being installed using Group Action. Group Action involves groups of people in the community who rally together to determine what's needed to physically prevent mobile phone infrastructure from being installed. Here are the steps:

- 1) Members can scan local newspapers for Telstra/ Optus/ Vodafone advertisements which notify the community of an imminent upgrade to a mobile phone tower or installation of a 'low impact' device (see example below - page 33 Byron Shire News).
- 2) When notification of a proposed installation is published, the public have 10 business days to submit an objection ([C564: 2018 Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment](#))
- 3) At this time we will call out for people to door-knock on houses/ businesses close to the tower, explain to residents that a mobile phone tower 'upgrade' is proposed, how it will effect them, and request they sign a petition.
- 4) A letter will be drafted listing reasons we object to the proposed installation and we can collect as many signatures as possible from locals opposing the installation, including online petitions
- 5) We will submit the letter and the petition to 1) Justine Elliot/ Tamara Smith (a local MP) 2) Simon Richardson and counsellors 3) the telecommunications carrier proposing the installation
- 6) We wait for ten days for a reply
- 7) Hopefully we will receive a letter saying the installation isn't proceeding
- 8) If we are dissatisfied with the reply, or don't receive one, we can submit a complaint to the ACMA (Australia Communication and Media Authority).

Why do we need to take action now?

Telstra are advertising online, places in Australia where 5G is already active. You can click on the map links below to see where it is established:

<https://www.telstra.com.au/5g#gold-coast>

Why is this not good?

According to a [research paper](#) by Cindy Lee Russell, executive Director of 'Physicians for Safe Technology' (US), 5G will "Not be a completely new technology, but a spectrum usage combination". In other words, Telstra will use all the existing infrastructure to rollout 5G which will

be a 'mix of microwave frequencies' 'additive with blended architecture' 'an intergenerational mix of communications networks with 5G added later'.