

7 August 2017

TO: NSW Department of Planning & Environment

RE: Submission to EIS Exhibition of Lindfield Learning Village Master Plan (Former UTS Kuringai Campus)

Optus is making this submission as an affected stakeholder impacted by works proposed as part of the Lindfield Learning Village redevelopment plan.

Optus currently operates a mobile phone facility at the site and has done so since 1997. The site is an important part of our network servicing the North Shore. The present site services the immediate campus area, connecting roads, the recently established residential precinct and areas beyond the campus to Lindfield, Chatswood and the Lane Cover River.

The current facility is located on an unobtrusive rooftop location which also accommodates the mobile facilities of Telstra and Vodafone. Optus has been advised that its current leasing arrangement for the mobile site will be terminated in May 2018. Attempts to engage the NSW Department of Education to preserve mobile phone coverage at the site have so far been unsuccessful.

From our review of the current redevelopment proposal the site will see an increase in workforce occupation and visitations. Mobile coverage and connectivity will be expected by those working at and visiting the precinct.

As such we would request that mobile telecommunications services be included in the Master Plan to ensure mobile services in the precinct meet community expectations and to ensure mobile coverage is maintained.

We would like to discuss further our proposal to continue to provide mobile coverage to the precinct and suggest that this could be co-ordinated by the industry body the Mobile Carriers Forum (Mr Ray McKenzie, 03 9380 2291, ray.mckenzie@amta.org.au) as part of the Master Plan consultation.

We look forward to working with the Master Plan committee to provide essential mobile telecommunications services within the Lindfield Learning Village Master Plan. Should you wish to discuss Optus submission please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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