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OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

On 18 May 2021 you asked Council to respond to three questions. Please find my answers below following each question:

1. *Does NCC have any notifications or applications from any of the Telcos (Spark, Vodafone, 2 Degrees, etc) to install any 5G equipment of any kind in or around Nelson city buildings or streets?*

Council has not received any notifications or applications. The National Environmental Standards for Telecommunication Facilities (NES-TF) control telecommunication activities including the 5G network. The NES-TF is set by Government and comes under the remit of the Ministry for the Environment. Neither the Nelson Resource Management Plan nor the proposed Nelson Plan can be more stringent than the NES-TF. Regulation 55 in the NES-TF requires any new telecommunication facility which generates a radiofrequency field to comply with the relevant New Zealand and International standards. The Ministry of Health were involved in those limits.

Under the NES-TF reports must be prepared by facility operators and provided to Council prior to new facilities commencing operation. Post operational reports and evidence must also be provided to Council to confirm compliance with the standard where pre-commencement reports predict exposure levels above 25% of the limit. I can confirm we have not received any reports specifically addressing 5G.

2. *If no to the above at this stage, can you please keep me fully informed if you do become aware of any such intentions or plans related to such installation of 5G equipment?*

It is not possible to 'flag' your request against future notifications as any notification would be saved in the property details where the equipment is to be installed. The telecommunication companies will have plans and timetables about where and when they are planning to put the 5G infrastructure. I suggest you approach the telecommunication companies directly.

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3. *If there are any others NCC staff member who handle such matters, can you please send the contact names and email addresses of those who have responsibly for handling such information, notifications or applications.*

Notifications could be received by several different methods: through the customer service team, property team, roading team, resource consent team, monitoring team, or Council senior executives. It will partly depend on where the equipment is to be located as to who is the initial point of contact within Council. I cannot provide you with names and email addresses as this could be a significant number of staff. If you have future requests for information, then please do this as a formal request for information through Council's LGOIMA process.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602. If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to call me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Bishop', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Mandy Bishop

Manager Consents and Compliance