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**Request
from:**

For: Installation of 5G

**Response
by:**

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Dear ██████

OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your official information request dated 29th September 2019 for information regarding the installation of 5G. The responses are included under each question.

- a) *“Please confirm how much (approx. %) of the 5G infrastructure will be installed on existing Council infrastructure, such as street lights? Will more 5G infrastructure be installed? Will it be located on road reserve?”*

The Infrastructure Group has not been approached by any telecommunications company or utility operator with any request to install 5G on any Council assets or within its road reserve. It is confirmed that all Council streetlights do not currently have wifi hardware.

The questions you are asking are forward looking around the plans of the telecommunication companies. The Council does not hold any information on those companies plan or timetable about where and when they are planning to put the 5G infrastructure. We suggest you approach the telecommunication companies directly.

- b) *“If possible a timeline of the 5G rollout and smart agendas would be ideal, perhaps going back 20 years, and also including the planned future processes still to be achieved by Nelson City Council, including information on which regulatory bodies within the Council or independent (i.e. Government or commercial) – that will also be involved.”*

As above Council has not been informed of the timeline.

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.

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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.

- c) *“And is the Council taking submissions on the rollout of 5G and smart cities, as I would like to make a submission and objection, and I know dozens if not hundreds of Nelsonians would also like to have their say.”*

In March 2018 the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment released a discussion document “Preparing for 5G in New Zealand”. The time for making submissions on that document has passed.

The NES-TF permits these activities so there is no opportunity to make a submission to Council in terms of resource management matters.

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 contact

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Yours sincerely

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Clare Barton

Group Manager Environmental Management

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 29 September 2019 9:03 AM
To: Council Enquiries (Enquiry)
Subject: Fw: 5G in Nelson with the NCC - typo.

Categories: [REDACTED]

Hi NCC team,

Just realised I made a small but significant typo in the previous email just sent - the 5 in the first line, should be a % -

"Can the NCC confirm how much(approx 5) of the 5G infrastructure will be installed "

Can the NCC confirm how much(approx %) of the 5G infrastructure will be installed

ok thanks

regards

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 29 September 2019 8:57 AM
To: enquiry@ncc.govt.nz <enquiry@ncc.govt.nz>
Subject: 5G in Nelson with the NCC
H NCC Team,

Please consider this email a service request, in regards to the NCC's official position and regulatory involvement in the "rollout of 5G" and the "smart city", in Nelson.

Can the NCC confirm how much(approx 5) of the 5G infrastructure will be installed on existing council infrastructure, such as street lights? and will more 5G infrastructure be installed? and will it also be located on the road reserve?

If possible a timeline of the 5G rollout and smart cities agendas would be ideal, perhaps going back 20 years, and also including the planned future processes still to be achieved by the NCC, including information on which regulatory bodies within the NCC or independent(i.e. govt or commercial) - that will also be involved.

And is the NCC taking submissions on the rollout of 5G and smart cities, as I would like to make a submission and objection, and I know dozens if not hundreds of Nelsonians would also like to have their say.

thank you

regards