

Good morning,

Please refer below to the City's comments in regards to the proposed amendments to pit and pipe exemption criteria under part 20A of the Telecommunication Act 1997:

- Developers should be mandated to install Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) or newer technology if available as part of new developments irrespective of the type of development under consideration.
- This should include pit and pipe installation (FTTP) with the costs borne by the developer.
- Any pit and pipe installation should be installed within the service corridor (verge). Any variation to this, should seek approval from the LGA for the deviation.

Rationale:

- Having FTTP installed will ensure that the premises are NBN Ready.
- Historically, the City has received queries from unsuspecting property owners resulting in their inability to establish internet connections.
- In other states, it is a requirement for the developer to ensure that there is appropriate fibre optic infrastructure installed as part of their development.
- The classification of NBN may be considered an essential service and therefore it should be treated the like other utilities – water, power, gas as part of the development process.

Exemptions:

- Where NBN infrastructure is already established and utilises the latest technology. There would be no requirement to upgrade.

Please don't hesitate to contact the City if you have any queries.

Kind regards,

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