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Telecommunications Deployment

What should I know?

The powers and immunities framework enables carriers to:

- enter and inspect land
- install low-impact facilities
- maintain facilities.

Carriers also have immunities from some state and territory laws, such as planning laws.

This framework does not apply to installing towers.



Carrier Obligations

- Carriers must give written notice at least 10 days before installation.
- Landowners may object to the notice on a number of prescribed grounds.
- Carriers must make reasonable efforts to resolve objections.
- Landowners may request the objection be referred to the Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman.
- If the installation proceeds, carriers must comply with safety/operational requirements.

Role of Councils

If the Council is the landowner and has reason to oppose the deployment, they may **object**.

Councils may also show **support** for telco deployments by:

- reassuring the community that telco deployments are safe
- reinforcing the social and economic benefits of improved connectivity
- proactively working with carriers to seek mutually beneficial outcomes (e.g. visual amenity, cumulative impact).



Further information is available online at:
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