

To the attention of the Director Construction Policy, Mr Scott Glenhill and the Senior Policy Officer, Pamela Gilbert

Further to your discussions with Council's Arborist Sarah Priestly today regarding the consultation paper on the rollout of high speed broadband and thank you for offering to accept a submission today.

Boroondara City Council would be particularly concerned with the laying of any overhead cables in Boroondara due to the adverse impact it would have on the residential amenity of the area. It is particularly concerning that the proposed changes will allow the increase in cable size to 48mm. I note that the submission from the Australian Local Government Association also raises concerns regarding the proposal to increase the width of overhead cables to 48mm in diameter..

The consultation paper notes that "In the past there have been community concerns about the use of overhead cabling for telecommunications." Past overhead cabling created a significant adverse reaction from the Boroondara community at the time. Any proposal for overhead cabling should only be considered after extensive consultation with the affected community and Council.

This consultation process has only just come to our attention and it is intended to discuss this issue further within Council. A more detailed response may be forthcoming.

Regards



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