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MOBILE PHONE TOWER, TARINGA

Mr BEANLAND (Indooroopilly—LP) (7.28 p.m.): I rise to support residents of Crag Road and in the vicinity of Crag Road and Stanley Terrace, Taringa who are opposing the latest mobile phone tower in that area. These towers are apparently necessary to facilitate the latest technology craze, mobile phones. The problem with this tower is that it is on an area of land which is in fact a road reserve and therefore it will require a road closure. I appeal to the Minister to refuse the road closure, because to allow the tower to be constructed

will destroy a marvellous area of bushland at the foothills of Mount Coot-tha—a wildlife habitat—not to mention, of course, the fact that it will be an eyesore in the area and contrary to local town planning by-laws. One of the requirements of town planning is to maintain the character of an area and the beauty of the vista, and this tower is totally contrary to that requirement.

I believe that there has to be greater co-location of these mobile phone towers than has occurred in the past. It is clear that whatever their output power, they must comply with local government town planning requirements. The Federal Government passed laws to give the community a say in such matters.

The only way in which the community can have a say is through local government town planning by-laws and powers. For that to occur, they have to make application and receive approval. In this case, because it is State Government land, I believe that gives the State additional powers to be able to say no. Therefore, I appeal to the Minister to refuse the road closure application to ensure that this project does not proceed and that these telecommunications companies look elsewhere for a far more suitable site for their mobile phone towers.
