



The Oaks Garage

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The Councillors,
Wollondilly Shire Council
Picton NSW 2571

Re: Mobile Phone Telecommunications Tower, Macintosh Street, The Oaks

Dear Councillors,

Should we pass up a “once in a lifetime opportunity” to have a unique town on the fringe of Australia’s biggest city ? I think not !

The Oaks Airport presents a situation that could boost the economic viability of the town. If the Tower is put up, it will take away any opportunity the Town’s businesses have of increased people traffic from Tourists and Visitors.

The Council’s own information says The Oaks/Belimbla Park area will not increase in population over the next years, so for the local businesses to survive, they need an increase in “through traffic” which can only come from more people coming to the area, but since our population will not increase, we can only get this increase from daily and overnight visitors.

Let’s not have the only Telstra Tower that is not on a hill, in Australia, and miss out on this opportunity to build up the economy of our wonderful little town around the daily visitors to and from the Airport.

As a business owner/operator for the last 6 years, and a resident for the last 22 years in The Oaks, I feel I can speak with some authority on the subject.

The simple truth is that local businesses will not survive without more custom over the coming years and without substantial population growth, we will wither and die under the onslaught of “big brother”.

The simple fact is that there is just not enough locals. The Airport does give us a “lifeline”. Let’s not pass it up.

I am sure the Councillors don’t want to be remembered for turning The Oaks into a bunch of empty shops.

Your Sincerely,

Geoff Garbutt
Proprietor
14th September 2009

P.S. We still need a Mobile Phone Tower somewhere.