

Telecommunications Facilities on Council Property Policy

Policy Details

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Branch:	Corporate Property		
Responsible Manager:	Corporate Property Manager		
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1. Policy Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish an effective and transparent framework for:

- (a) the grant by Council of Tenure to Carriers over Council Property, consistent with the requirements of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld); and
- (b) the expenditure of income received from any Tenure arrangements.

2. Scope

This policy applies to:

- (a) all Councillors, employees and contractors working from Council, regardless of whether they are permanent, temporary, full-time, part-time or casual. For the purposes of this policy, the term contractor includes on-hired temporary labour services (agency staff) and sub-contractors; and
- (b) all Carriers who seek to install and operate a Facility on Council Property.

The Administration Branch is responsible for ensuring this policy operates effectively.

3. Policy Statement

- (a) Council acknowledges the importance of the provision of communication networks for the benefit of the community.
- (b) Carriers may apply to Council for the installation and operation of Facilities on Council Land. Carriers are encouraged to explore options for co-location before seeking to install a new Facility on Council Property.
- (c) In respect of a High Impact Facility on Council Property:
 - (i) Council will require the Carrier to enter into a Lease;
 - (ii) the grant of any Lease will be conditional upon a resolution by Council to approve it; and
 - (iii) a development application may need to be made by the Carrier (at their own cost) and a Development Approval received before Council will sign the Lease.

- (d) In respect of a Low Impact Facility on Council Property:
 - (i) Council will require a Carrier to enter into the most appropriate form of Tenure, having regard to the nature of the Facility; and
 - (ii) the grant of that Tenure may be conditional upon a resolution by Council to approve it.
- (e) The Carrier is required to meet any costs incurred by Council in respect of the grant of any Tenure including legal and valuation expenses, the costs of preparation of a survey plan, stamp duty and registration fees.
- (f) The income received from any Tenure granted will be predominantly made available for allocation as part of Council's annual budget.

Telecommunications Facility on Council Property - Procedure

All decisions and/or actions made under this policy must be made in accordance with the Telecommunications Facilities on Council Property - Procedure (DM: 14090807).

4. Definitions

The following definitions apply to this policy and the associated procedure.

TERM	DEFINITION		
Carrier	has the meaning provided in the Act.		
Council	means Logan City Council.		
Council Property	 includes: a) Freehold land owned by Council; b) Trust Land which Council controls; and c) Infrastructure owned by Council (including buildings and Public Utility Structures). 		
Facility	has the meaning provided in the Act.		
Lease	means a Form 7 lease capable of registration in the Queensland Titles Office, which grants exclusive possession to a Carrier for the purposes of installation and operation of a Facility.		
Low Impact Facility	has the meaning provided in the Act.		
High Impact Facility	means a telecommunications Facility that is not a Low Impact Facility.		
Tenure	includes a: a) Lease; b) licence; or c) access agreement.		
Trust Land	means land administered under the Land Act 1994 (Qld) including reserves.		

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