COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY REPORT

Amended Lease Proposal over Portion of Grange Recreation Reserve

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

We undertook further engagement with the community and interested public from 21 February to 16 March 2025 on a proposed exclusive lease over a portion of Grange Recreation Reserve for the purpose of installing telecommunication infrastructure. This additional stage of engagement was to inform the community of the applicant's amended lease proposal as a direct result of community feedback received in 2024 on the initial lease proposal.

A lease request over community land is a matter defined under Section 202(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act) and falls under Part 2 of Council's Public Consultation Policy (PCP). The first stage of engagement on the lease proposal was undertaken in accordance with our PCP directions. The purpose of the second stage of engagement was to inform the community of the amended lease location and size because of community feedback and afford the opportunity for any new comments specifically related to the changes to be considered before a decision on the amended lease request is made. As a result, this additional engagement was in accordance with Part 3 of the PCP (discretionary) at the '**inform'** level.

Public consultation on the amended lease proposal was promoted through various channels including Your Say Charles Sturt, direct communication to local properties and interested parties (including past consultation participants), public notice in the Advertiser, temporary reserve signs, and a social media campaign. **Table 1: 'Community Engagement Activity'** (pg 5), details the promotion and engagement methods used and engagement participation rates (where available). Examples of the engagement promotion and collateral are available in Section 4 (pg 7).

We received 49 Your Say Charles Sturt additional comment submissions and 15 submissions via other methods in response to the amended lease proposal for Grange Recreation Reserve, including one submission received after the engagement close date. Overall, the submission sentiment was mixed, but feedback specifically related to the updated lease request indicates a preference for the updated northern location over the initial southern location proposed. Other feedback received about the lease proposal for Grange Recreation Reserve generally demonstrated ongoing opposition to consideration of this type of lease request in this Reserve or on community land as well as opposition to the potential future infrastructure if the lease is approved.

An overview of the initial lease proposal engagement findings is covered in Section 5 (pg 10). A more detailed analysis of the feedback and results of a sentiment poll on the initial lease proposal versus the updated lease proposal are available in Section 6 (pg 11). All verbatim submissions received in relation to the updated lease proposal can be reviewed in **Appendix A** (pg 19-31).

2. BACKGROUND

Council was approached by Amplitel Pty Ltd in 2020 to lease a portion of Grange Recreation Reserve for the purpose of installing telecommunications infrastructure. Following engagement with the community, Council endorsed an amendment to the Community Land Management Plan (CLMP) for Grange Recreation Reserve in late-2021 (CL 13 December 2021, Item 6.125), with three conditions applied to any lease request for the use of the Reserve for telecommunications infrastructure:

- A single tower may only be permitted to be constructed on the reserve
- The tower must not be positioned within a 100m distance of any residential building
- The applicant must plant, or contribute to planting, any tree screening, greening or landscaping Council determines reasonable and necessary to limit visual intrusion.

Council acknowledged a formal request from Amplitel Pty Ltd (part of Telstra Group Ltd) for a 20-year exclusive lease over a portion of Grange Recreation Reserve at their meeting held 26 August 2024 (Item 4.42). The lease request proposed an area up to 60 square metres toward the southern end of the Reserve to install a telecommunications tower and equipment storage shed. Council also endorsed the Community Engagement Approach to undertake public consultation on the lease request.

Consultation was undertaken with our community from 25 September to 23 October 2024. The outcomes were presented to Council on 9 December 2024 (Item 6.121). At this meeting, Council also considered an amended lease proposal from Amplitel in response to community feedback specifically related to the location of the lease in the reserve and concerns over interference.

At this meeting Council noted the initial community engagement findings and endorsed an additional stage of community engagement be undertaken on the amended lease proposal put forward by Amplitel, with a further report to be presented to Council which considers any new feedback on the updated lease request.

3. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SCOPE

The engagement level for this additional stage of consultation has been determined as '**inform'**. Council endorsed that additional public feedback on the amended lease proposal for Grange Recreation Reserve will be invited for a minimum of 21-days, excluding public holidays. Promotion of the amended proposal and the opportunity to provide additional feedback will replicate the same methods used in the initial engagement promotion, given the subject matter falls under Part 2 of the PCP.

A project update notification will be issued to all property owners/landowners and residents within the original property engagement catchment area (**Figure 1**, pg 4), all participants of the initial consultation who provided an email, and to all Your Say Charles Sturt project followers. The same catchment area is proposed despite the new location being further north of the reserve as the initial catchment area was taken as approximately 400m surrounding the Reserve from the boundary. A public notice, temporary signage on the reserve, and social media will inform reserve users and other interested public who may not reside in the catchment area of the amended proposal and opportunity to comment.

The scope of this project engagement is to consider any *new* feedback that is directly related to the updated, proposed lease location within the Reserve because of feedback from locals and key users of the reserve during the September/October 2024 consultation. All other feedback already received in the initial consultation will stand (including position and sentiment on the proposed lease within the Reserve and potential future infrastructure) and will be noted by Council and considered as part of any future decision/s relating to the lease request.

Out-of-scope feedback does not form part of the decision-making but will still be included the community engagement reporting for transparency. Relevant issues will be referred to appropriate Council staff via internal systems. Individual responses to feedback submissions will not be provided, but key themes raised in feedback will be considered and addressed in the decision reporting.

Figure 1: Engagement maildrop property catchment Area

Approx 400m radius from the Grange Recreation Reserve Boundary.

All properties highlighted in red are included in the catchment area. This is the same catchment area directly notified in the September/October 2024 consultation.

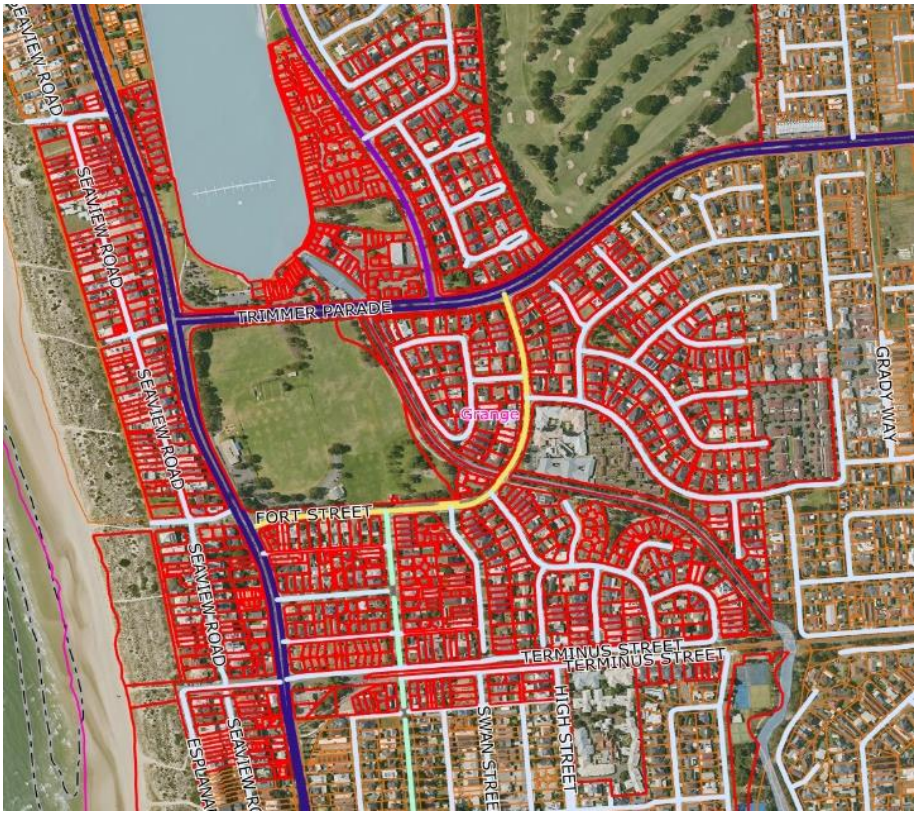


TABLE 1: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY - 21 FEBRUARY TO 16 MARCH 2025

What	Engagement activity	Details	Quantity
Consultation promotion	Your Say Charles Sturt project update email campaign – **Grange Recreation Reserve Amended Lease Proposal to be Considered**	New project email campaign sent on Friday, 21 February 2025 at 4.30pm.	Sent to 432 Your Say Charles Sturt project followers and consultation participants. 321 opens 101 click-through (23%)
	Consultation Information Pack	Maildrop to consultation property catchment area 21 February 2025 Posted to absent owners 24 February 2025	Maildrop: 990 Postal: 241
	Onsite corflute signage	Temporary corflute signs on the reserve promoting consultation.	
	QR Scans	Consultation information pack or onsite signs	200 scans 186 unique scans
	Social Media	Organic Facebook Post to CCS page on 24 February Paid Facebook & Instagram campaign to local area 6 March – 16 March 2025.	403 clicks 2,790 reach 3,060 impressions 26 engagement 338 clicks 2,172 reach 5,155 impressions
	Public Notice	Saturday Advertiser, 22 February 2025 Online classifieds, 22 February to 16 March 2025	
Your Say Charles Sturt Project Page [Updated]	Your Say Charles Sturt online project page - **Proposed lease over a portion of land in Grange Recreation Reserve**	https://www.yoursaycharlessturt.com.au/proposedlease-grangerec Open to everyone Updated page launched 5.11pm Thursday, 20 February 2025	1,372 page views 830 page visits 678 unique visitors 14 new project followers 2 Q&A Online Questions asked *As of 17 March 2025.*

TABLE 1: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY CONTINUED

What	Engagement activity	Details	Quantity
Feedback & Submissions	Your Say Charles Sturt feedback form and poll + written, electronic and other submissions received.	21 February to 5.00pm Sunday, 16 March 2025	49 online feedback form submissions 15 other submissions, including 1 late submission which was accepted (eg email, customer portal, in person) **Total feedback: 64** + 159 poll responses Total feedback engagements: 223

4. ENGAGEMENT EXAMPLES

CONSULTATION PACK:





PROJECT UPDATE PROPOSED LEASE AT GRANGE RECREATION RESERVE

Amended location for a proposed telecommunications lease in Grange Recreation Reserve.

Proposal background

In September 2024, we asked the community for feedback on a proposal from Amplitel (part of Telstra Group Ltd) to lease a small part of Grange Recreation Reserve for 20 years.

Subject to a development application, the exclusive lease area would provide for a 30.8m telecommunications tower and fenced equipment shed. The request is in response to longstanding mobile coverage issues in the area.

The original site consisted of two separate areas of up to 60m², one for the tower and another for the equipment shed. It was located between the two southern sports fields near the Fort Street car park. The location met the 100m buffer from homes, as required by a Council resolution in December 2021 to minimise impacts on residents.

What did the community say?

We received 337 responses from the community. Over half of the responses did not support the proposal. The main concerns were:

- The tower would not look good.
- Concerns about health effects.
- Potential interference with sports and recreation activities, and reserve access.

What has the Council decided?

On 9 December 2024, after reviewing community feedback, Council amended the proposed lease location within the Reserve. You are invited to share any feedback specifically about the amended location.

What has changed?

- The amended site is 80m² and has been relocated 120m north near the storage shed and cricket nets (refer enclosed concept plan).
- The tower and equipment shed will be together in one fenced area.
- No sports lighting needs to be relocated.
- The location still meets mobile coverage needs.

The amended location has more tree cover, which helps screen the tower from nearby homes and clubrooms. It also reduces interference with sports and recreation activities while maintaining the 100m buffer from homes (refer enclosed site illustrations).

How to Have Your Say

- View more details and submit your feedback online by scanning the QR code or visiting Your Say Charles Sturt.
- Write to ATT: Engagement at **engagement@charlesstsurt.sa.gov.au** or City of Charles Sturt, PO Box 1, Woodville SA 5011.

We value your comments and advise that all feedback should be submitted by **Sunday, 16 March 2025.**



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AMENDED LOCATION FOR PROPOSED TELECOMMUNICATIONS LEASE

Following community feedback, the proposed lease site for Amplitel's telecommunications infrastucture has been moved 120m north within the reserve.

- Single fenced compund near storage shed and cricket nets
- Maintains 100m buffer from homes
- No impact on existing sports lighting

Scan the QR code or visit Your Say Charles Sturt to provide your feedback by Sunday 16 March 2025.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

UPDATED LEASE REQUEST ON GRANGE RECREATION RESERVE, MILITARY ROAD

Additional feedback is invited on an updated request for the proposed 20-year exclusive lease over a portion of Grange Recreation Reserve. The site would host telecommunication infrastructure, subject to development approval.

A new location in the reserve further north, nearer to Trimmer Parade and the existing cricket nets and shed is being considered. This change responds to previous public consultation feedback. The updated area is 80 square meters and is proposed to include a 35m tower and equipment shed.

To find out more about the initial consultation and updated plans, and to share new feedback on the updated request: **yoursaycharlessturt.com.au/proposedlease-grangerec**, or

- Email **engagement@charlessturt.sa.gov.au**
- Post written feedback addressed to "City of Charles Sturt Engagement", PO Box 1, Woodville SA 5011
- Contact Council on 8408 1111

Feedback closes 5pm Sunday, 16 March 2025.

PAUL SUTTON, Chief Executive Officer.

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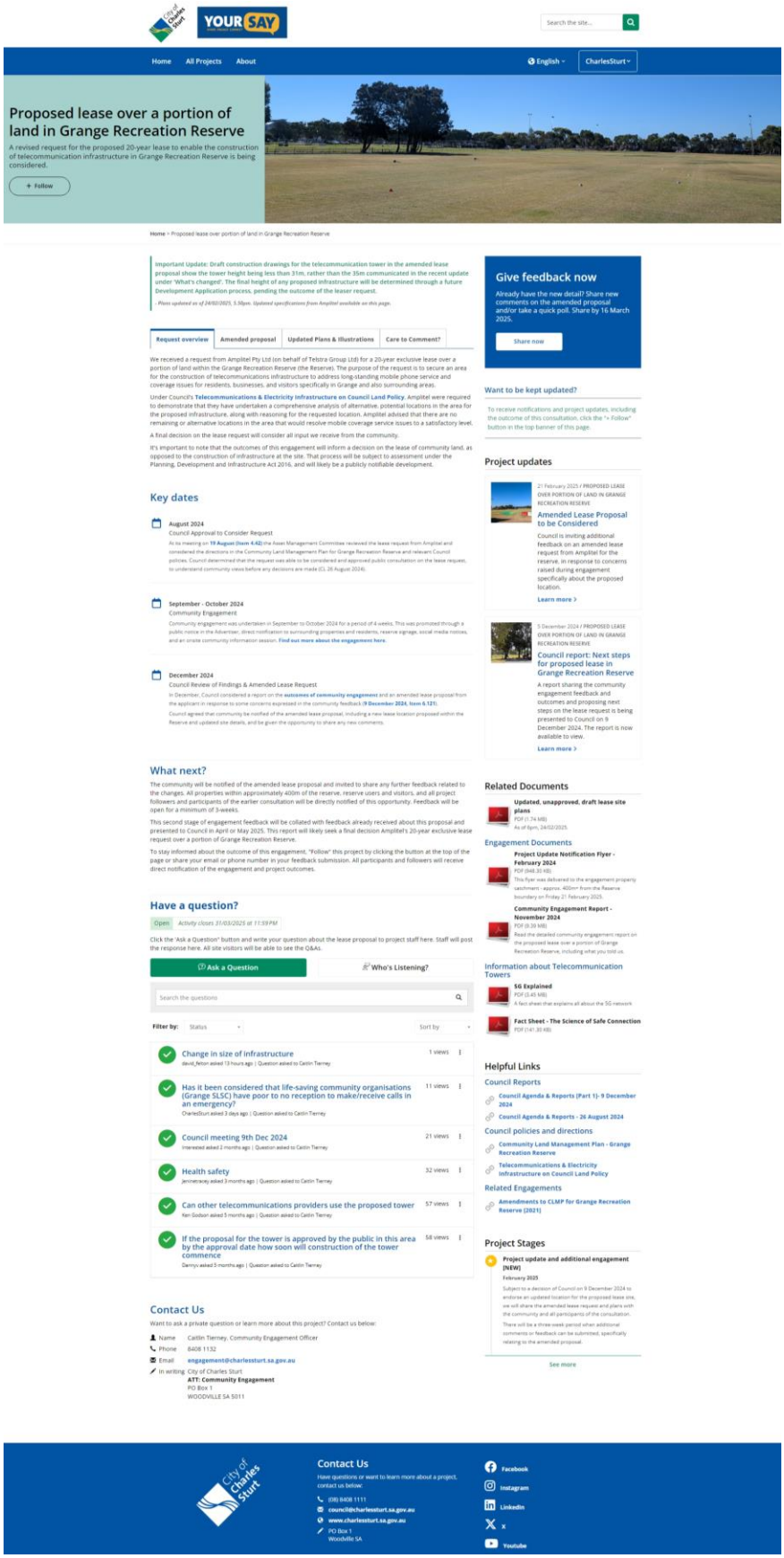
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SOCIAL MEDIA:



YOUR SAY CHARLES STURT PROJECT PAGE:

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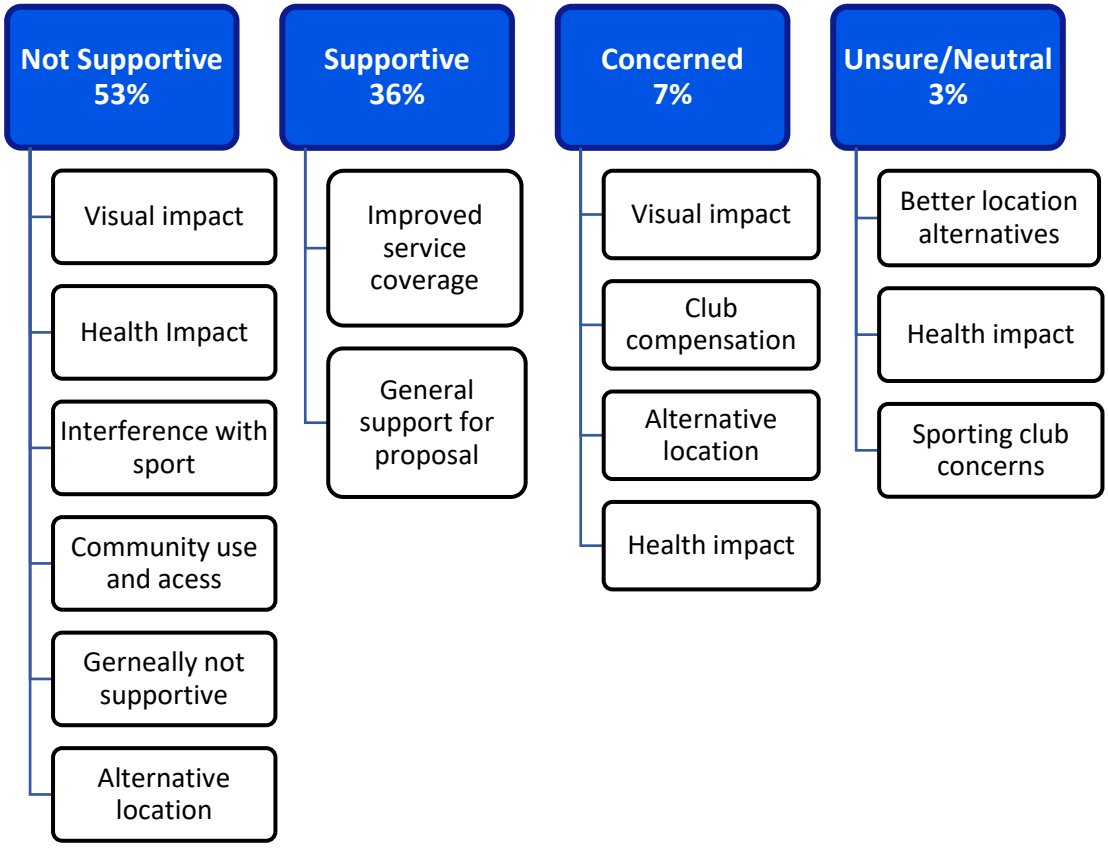
5. OVERVIEW OF STAGE 1 ENGAGEMENT FINDINGS: INITIAL LEASE PROPOSAL

The findings of the recent additional engagement on an amended lease proposal for Grange Recreation Reserve must be considered alongside the findings of the initial engagement (Stage 1) conducted 25 September to 23 October 2024. The outcomes from the Stage 1 consultation were presented to Council at the meeting of 9 December 2024 (Item 6.121).

In Stage 1, we received 337 feedback form submissions. More than half of the participants were not supportive of the proposed lease request – either at the Reserve, in that location on the Reserve, or in the area at all. While some opposition related to the lease request directly, eg access to/use of community land or the proposed lease location, many comments were about the proposed future infrastructure if the lease request is approved. Submissions in support of the proposal were related to experiences with poor mobile network coverage or general support.

To recap the general sentiment and high-level feedback themes from the Stage 1 engagement, refer to **Figure 2 'Overview of Stage 1 Engagement Findings'**, below.

Figure 2: Overview of Stage 1 Engagement Findings



Approximately 22% of Stage 1 engagement participants suggested an alternative lease location on the Reserve to minimise potential interference with its use for sport and recreation. Of those, 19% specifically preferred a location toward the northern end of the Reserve. Amplitel representatives also received direct feedback about the proposed lease location at the community drop-in session held on Saturday, 12 October 2024. As a result, Amplitel submitted an amended lease proposal further north within the Reserve, which included updated site specifications.

6. STAGE 2 ENGAGEMENT FINDINGS & KEY THEMES: UPDATED LEASE PROPOSAL

Between 21 February to 16 March 2025, Council undertook a second stage of engagement and invited our community to comment on the updated lease proposal for Grange Recreation Reserve. The purpose of this engagement was to inform the community of the updated proposal, which was in response to feedback received in Stage 1, and to allow the opportunity for comment on the changes to the proposal. The key changes included the updated northern reserve location, a larger lease footprint, and the consolidation of future infrastructure into a single, fenced area. Community was advised that sentiment and general feedback on the proposal that was shared with us during the Stage 1 engagement in 2024 is still relevant and would be considered as part of any decision making on the request (eg did not need to be repeated if sentiment remained the same).

We received 64 feedback submissions in response to the updated lease proposal, including 49 Your Say Charles Sturt comment submissions, 15 submissions by other methods (eg email, customer portal, in person, written), and one late email submission which has been included in the reporting. All verbatim comments are available in **Appendix A** (pg 19).

Comments were divided, with around 50% expressing oppositional sentiment and 50% expressing supportive or neutral/other sentiment. Less than half (44%) of all comments received were categorised as specifically relating to feedback about the updated lease proposal.

A review of the location of participants who made a submission show that the majority live in Grange, West Lakes or Tennyson. **Table 2 'Submissions by location and sentiment'** below shows the count of submissions by location and uncategorised comment sentiment eg does not consider if the sentiment related specifically to the lease proposal or the proposed future infrastructure. Categorisation of comment sentiment is reviewed in Section 6.1 (pg 12).

Table 2: Submissions by location and sentiment

Comment Sentiment	Grange	West Lakes	Tennyson	Woodville West	Semaphore	Total
Opposed	12	12	8	0	0	32
Supportive	22	2	2	1	0	27
Other	1	1	1	0	0	3
Not specifically supportive but prefer amended location	1	0	0	0	1	2
Total	**36**	**15**	**11**	**1**	**1**	**64**

While comments submission was the primary method for feedback on the updated lease proposal, a 'Quick Poll' tool was made available for participants to quickly share if they preferred the initial lease location or the amended lease location, particularly if they had no comments. There is no restriction on the number of poll responses that can be submitted per individual or device, and the poll outcomes can be interpreted in different ways as a result. The Quick Poll results are explored in more detail in Section 6.3 (pg 15).

6.1 Comment Sentiment

64 comment submissions were received, with 28 (44%) specifically related to one or more elements of the updated lease proposal. The other 36 (56%) comment submissions were not specific to the changes proposed in the amended lease proposal or related to other matters such as the proposed infrastructure.

Submissions related to the amended lease proposal, specifically:

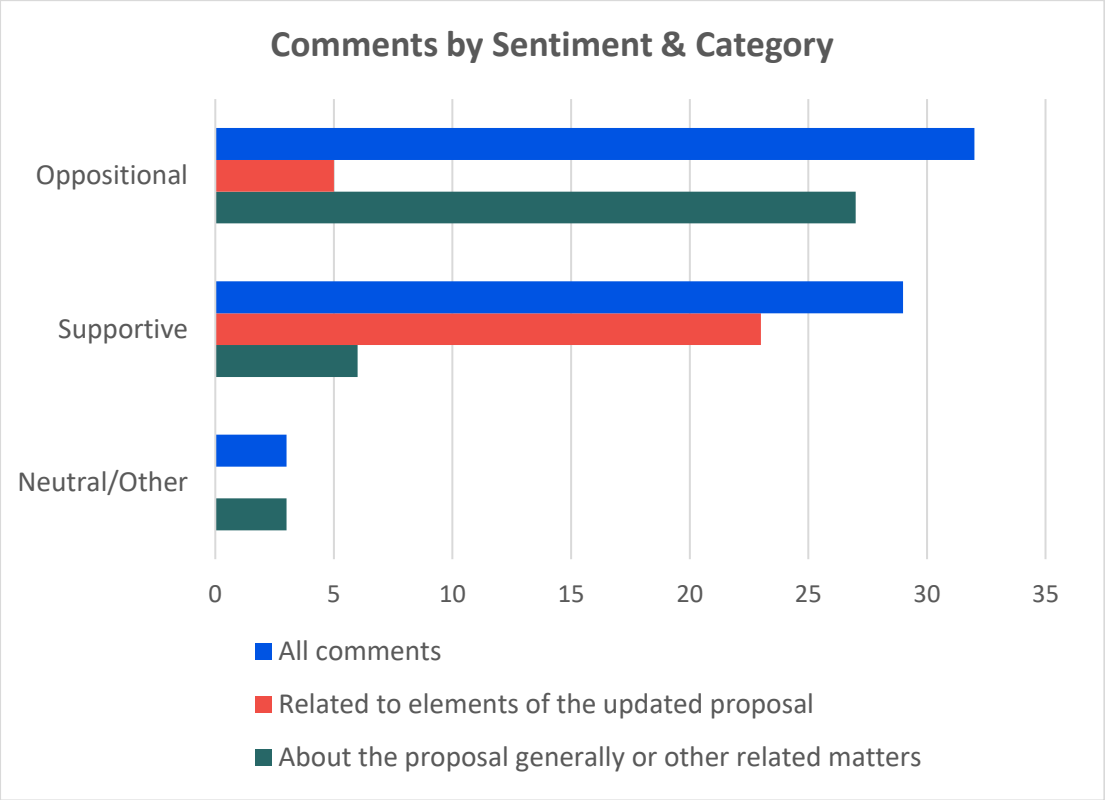
- 23 comments (36% of all submissions) expressed supportive sentiment or a preference for the updated northern location, including two responses which did not necessarily support telecommunication infrastructure on the Reserve but felt the northern location is more suitable.
- 5 comments (8% of all submissions) contained sentiment opposed to one or more changes in the updated proposal.

Submissions on the proposal generally or other related matters:

- 6 comments (9% of all submissions) expressed broad support for the lease proposal and/or for the infrastructure required to resolve mobile service coverage issues.
- 27 comments (42% of all submissions) expressed broad opposition toward the proposal. These comments primarily related to perceived negative effects of the potential future telecommunications infrastructure on the Reserve or in the nearby area, including individuals reinforcing/restating their feedback from Stage 1 engagement.
- 3 comments (5% of all submissions) shared feedback about other matters including the impact to or treatment of trees, and the application of the CLMP.

Figure 3 'Comments by sentiment and category' below demonstrates the comment sentiment visually.

Figure 3: Comments by sentiment and category



6.2 Comment Themes

Community comments specifically related to the updated proposal suggests greater support for the updated proposal in the northern location as opposed to the southern location. The five comments which were categorised as being opposed to the updated proposal did not specifically state the initial proposal was preferred. They indicated that the updated proposal was no better or worse than the initial proposal or still needed further consideration, while two respondents specifically stated this type of lease should not be within the Reserve at all.

The remaining comment themes represent a mix of views about the lease proposal for Grange Recreation Reserve generally, irrespective of the two lease proposals put forward. The supportive comments focus on a need for the infrastructure in the area and support for this to be in the Reserve. The opposed comments are centred around dissatisfaction with this lease being considered on community land/in a community reserve and, broadly, the proposed future infrastructure for the leased area and its perceived impacts to reserve users and residents.

Figure 4 (pg 14) demonstrates community sentiment by category.

Figure 4: Community Sentiment by Category

OPPOSITIONAL SENTIMENT

- The reserve/proposed lease area is for community use, sports and recreation, personal enjoyment and wellbeing.
- This type of lease should not be considered in this Reserve/on any community land (including that it's a commercial/private lease).
- Opposed to the proposed infrastructure and visual amenity impacts, including a loss of ambience, scenery, sense of place for reserve users and nearby residents.
- Concerns about health impacts associated with the proposed future infrastructure.
- Other concerns like devaluing properties and Council bias due to revenue gain, or a desire for the income to be transparent and reinvested for the benefit of local ratepayers/users.

POSITIVE SENTIMENT

- Preference for the northern proposal/location, represents a good comprimise, has less impact on people, sports, spectating, etc than prior proposal.
- Support a telecommunciations tower to improve service/please proceed swiftly and approve.
- General support for the proposal, and accepting of either location on the Reserve.

OTHER SENTIMENT

- Dissatisfaction with the process eg no option to 'vote' against the proposal, that it appears it's a preordained outcome, that over 50% in the initial engagement said no to the tower but it's still under consideration.
- Request for no loss of net trees and desire to improve greening/suggest the planting of additional trees around the lease site and perimeter of the Reserve be a requirement.
- Concerns that the CLMP is not being met, specifically as it relates to co-location and queries about co-location and whether additional provider equipment sheds will be added.
- Query about access to any future infrastructure through the Reserve and whether the access (road) should form part of the lease area.

6.3 Quick Poll: Amended Location compared with Initial Location

Quick Poll Intent and Limitations

While the Your Say Charles Sturt comment submission form was the primary tool for gathering feedback on the amended lease proposal, we also offered the option of a 'Quick Poll'. The question posed was, "In your opinion, is the amended lease proposal more acceptable that the alternative proposal?". The poll response options were:

- "Yes, I think the updated proposal in the 'northern' location is more acceptable"
  or
- "No, I think the previous proposal in the southern location was more acceptable".

The intent was to allow community to quickly express if the amended proposal in the 'northern' location, or the initial proposal in the 'southern' location, was more acceptable to them. It was not a voting tool, and it was expressly noted on the Your Say page that poll responses would not be an indicator of support for the lease, but as a measure to gauge sentiment on the updated proposal. As such, an option to indicate objection to the proposal entirely was not provided. Instead, participants who were opposed or remained opposed to the lease request were advised to share these views in the comment submission form.

A limitation of the "Quick Poll" tool important to point out is that the poll tool does not restrict individuals from submitting more than one response, meaning that it's possible for individuals to submit multiple responses. An IP address (a unique identifier assigned to a device connected to the internet) is collected with each poll entry and this highlights incidents where multiple responses have been submitted from the same IP address. There are several reasons why multiple responses could be represented by one IP address:

- One individual has submitted multiple responses, accidentally or intentionally.
- Participants are using a shared wi-fi network or device (eg at home, a school, office, or public library).
- Intent to manipulate the results by a Bot or an individual.
- An internet provider assigning a dynamic IP address to its users meaning that the IP address is rotated amongst different users at various times (eg daily or weekly).
- Users have accessed the poll through a VPN or proxy service.

Quick Poll Results

There were 159 poll responses received during the engagement period, and 22 poll participants also made a comment submission.

Of the 159 poll responses, the results were:

- "Yes, I think the updated proposal in the 'northern' location is more acceptable" 53 responses (33%).
- "No, I think the previous proposal in the southern location was more acceptable" 106 responses (67%) - refer **Note** below.

Refer **Figure 5 'Count of Quick Poll responses'** (pg 17).

Note: Of the 106 responses indicating the previous lease proposal in the 'southern location' was more acceptable, there were three IP addresses with over 20 responses each, and one with 5 responses. These responses from the same IP address (common IPs) account for 42% of the 67% of Quick Poll responses that preferred the initial proposal. Comparatively, of the 53 responses indicating the updated lease proposal in the 'northern location' was more acceptable, there were no IP addresses with greater than two of the same Quick Poll responses.

The times that poll responses were lodged by the same IP address were also reviewed. There were several instances where concurrent responses were lodged with a pattern of regularity by the same IP address (eg several responses within a short span of time by one IP address).

By quarantining the Quick Poll responses greater than 2 responses per IP Address, the poll results demonstrate a different outcome:

- "Yes, I think the updated proposal in the 'northern' location is more acceptable" – 53 responses (33%)
- "No, I think the previous proposal in the southern location was more acceptable" – 39 responses (25%)
- Isolated responses from common IP addresses (all in the "No" category - 67 (42%)

Refer **Figure 6 'Count of Quick Poll responses highlighting more than 2 responses from same IP'** (pg 17).

Figure 5: Count of Quick Poll responses

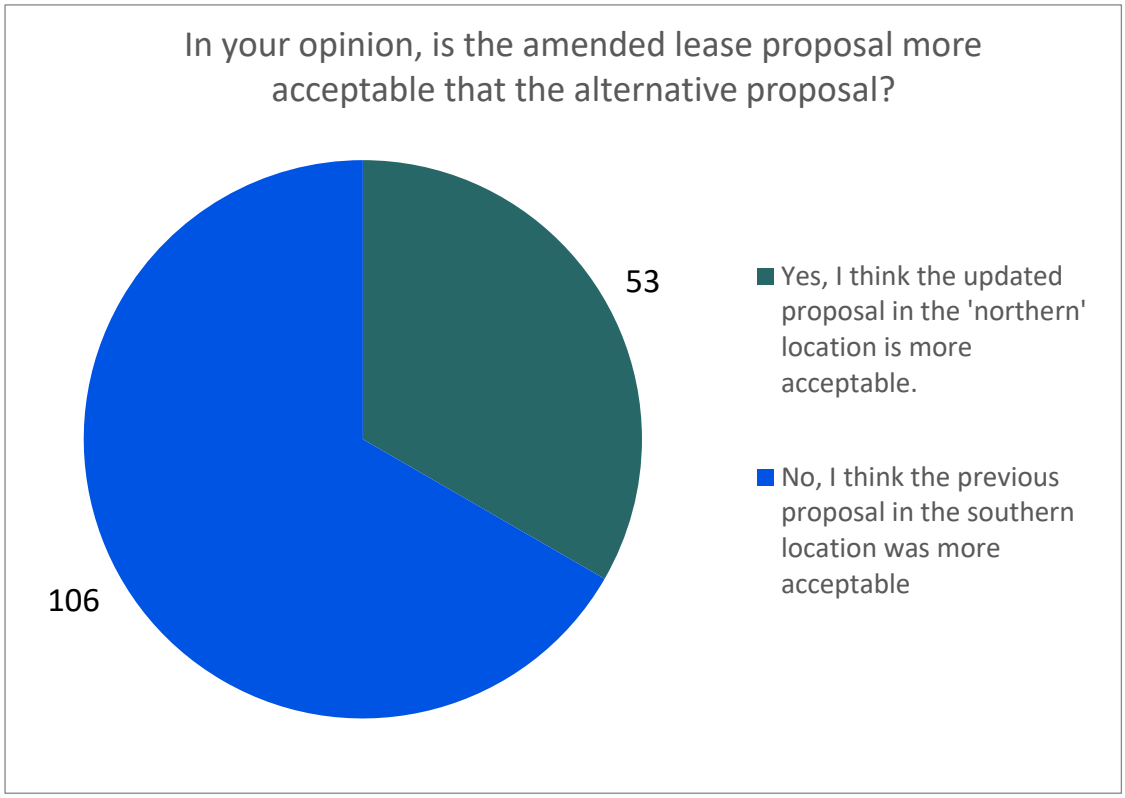
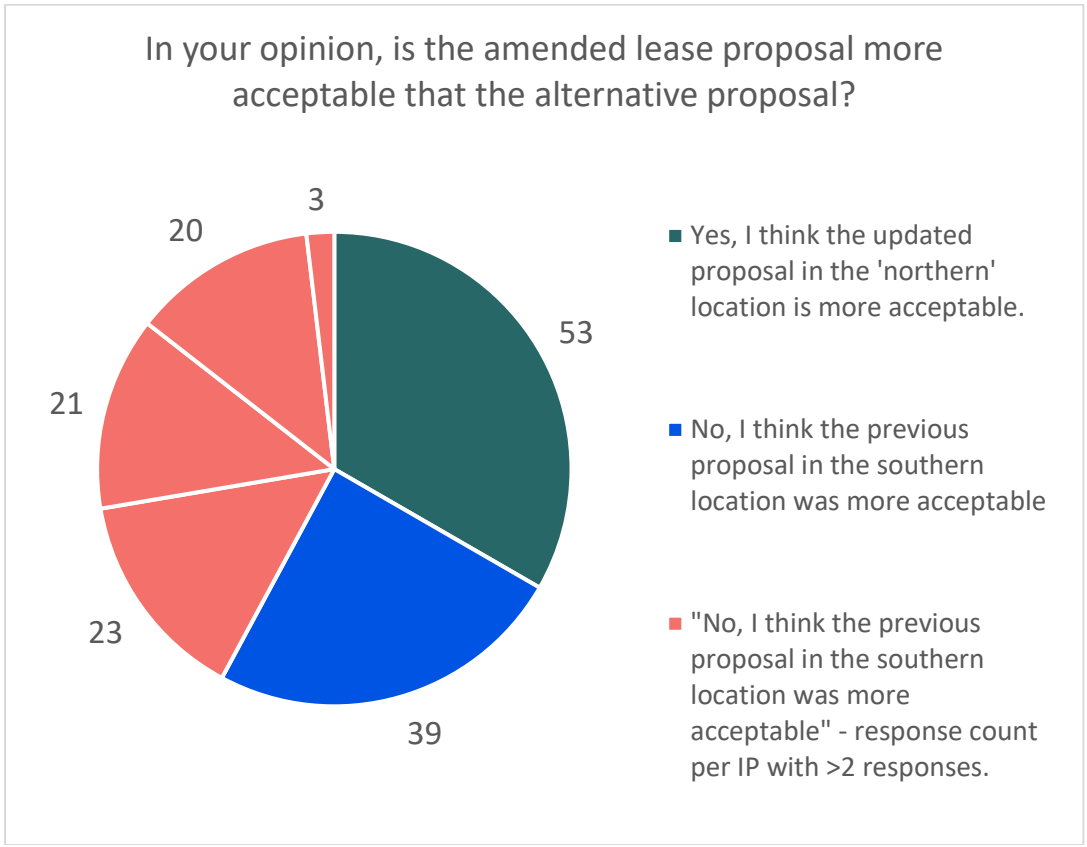


Figure 6: Count of Quick Poll responses highlighting more than 2 responses from same IP



7. NEXT STEPS

This report will be appended to a Council report for consideration and to determine the outcome of Amplitel's exclusive lease request over a portion of Grange Recreation Reserve.

Findings of this additional engagement and any future project updates, including the Council report recommendations, will be provided directly to consultation participants and Your Say Charles Sturt project followers. Project updates are available to the public by visiting the Your Say Charles Sturt project page or by contacting Council directly.

APPENDIX A: OPEN COMMENTS

ID	Suburb	Sentiment	Comments
21681	Tennyson	Supportive	I believe that a tower should be built in either location at Grange. Acceptable mobile phone coverage in the area is long overdue. One more tower will not make any difference to anybody - other than to improve phone service.
21684	Grange	Supportive	I support the updated location of the cell tower within the reserve being proposed by Charles Sturt council. Many comments in the previous survey/community outreach results from December said things like "the reception is fine" and "no one complains about it". I urge the council to listen to those nearby who say a cell tower is urgently needed. Those who believe the "reception is fine", definitely do not live nearby. My phone calls constantly drop out and the data service is non-existent. So while others may have good reception, I definitely do not and EVERYONE around me complains about. I urge Charles Sturt to install it based on those who have legitimate reasons and live at Grange. Rather than those who live further away and aren't affected. Please listen to those with legitimate reasons instead of those just saying "I don't like it". There's no reports proving negative health effects by 5G towers. All these people complaining but who hold a mobile phone are hypocrites and shouldn't be listened to. There's cell towers everywhere and no one notices so why would here by any different? I should be able to make phone calls within 10km of the CBD without it dropping out constantly. We dont rely on landlines anymore, so a cell tower should be seen as an essential service, especially in life-threatening situations. The line needs to be drawn somewhere, so please move ahead with installing the tower. In either location it really doesn't bother me. Just do it!!
21685	Grange	Opposed	I think neither is satisfactory. We don’t need a tower here in Grange. Especially not in the only open space area in the suburb. My internet works just fine thanks. I don’t like the fact that the only choices we are given in that form are two options for voting yes.its a blatant yes grab so I’ll tell you again NO. I am AGAINST IT.

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21692	West Lakes	Opposed	Moving it approximately 200m north of the original proposed location has made no change to the impact of a telstra tower to the area. It is a public area, I do not understand how it can be leased to a private company. It is interesting that the site for the original proposal now has the shade cloth structure that was originally attached to the now demolished building on the other side of the oval. I do not agree with either proposal.
21694	Grange	Supportive	I like the location change of the proposed tower location that puts it more than 100m from any buildings.
21700	Grange	Supportive	Can it please be fast tracked to assist both community and rescue services mobile coverage
21702	Grange	Opposed	I don't believe any part of a park should be available for lease, its a public location for people to enjoy.
21709	Grange	Supportive	Happy with proposed plan. Telstra signal very poor at present.
21712	Tennyson	Supportive	This proposal seems to be an excellent example of sensible compromise. I am happy to support it. I beg of you to push ahead and implement the proposal as swiftly as possible. Our household of six multiple device users is in the dead zone and we desperately need coverage. Thanks and congratulations for your perseverance
21713	Grange	Opposed to infrastructure, supportive of updated location	While I did not want a Telstra tower positioned anywhere in the Grange Recreation Reserve, I am in full support of the updated location for the tower that is being moved closer to Trimmer Parade. This location will have less impact due to the fact that: a) most of the view of the tower for those living in Monaco Crescent will be obscured by the very tall casuarinas along the canal. b) residents who live opposite the Reserve on Trimmer Parade will also be protected from the view of the tower as their homes are orientated toward the Lake rather than the Reserve. c) the tower will be further away from the playground and basketball court both of which are extensively used. d) the area which was first proposed for the site will be preserved for the many people who use that space to watch sport, exercise and run their dogs.

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21714	Grange	Opposed	Thanks for sharing the revised proposal. As a regular user of the reserve, moving the tower from one side to the other does not change my original rejection of this proposal as it still has a large tower visible. This reserve is for the enjoyment of the local community for sport, walking dog exercising etc. It is not for a large tower which impacts on the outlook of local users of the reserve. I have not heard one complaint from any local resident or business about inadequate mobile reception or speed. So I see no positives from this proposal , only negatives. So I confirm my rejection of the amended proposal as well as the original proposal. Thanks
21715	Grange	Supportive	A good solution
21719	Grange	Opposed	This is still something I don't support for the Grange Reserve. It's a large space to be taken up with unattractive infrastructure.
21723	Grange	Supportive	This is a much better solution and keeps all the infrastructure together but also having a shed and tower next to existing sheds etc makes a lot more sense. My reason for sending this input is that it's great the council is sharing the updates and letting the public comment etc but you will always have nay sayers and members that are always against change. We are evolving in this technological era and the demand for connectivity will continue to increase, if we try to please everyone we will get stuck behind. This tower should have been up before the complaints of connectivity were raised, that is how the governments should be planning, long term thinking, not planning for the next election win or to please the voters or address complaints only. Sorry for what might read like a rant.
21728	Grange	Supportive	Looking good ..
21729	Grange	Supportive	I am off the opinion that we need the tower for modern ongoing communications in the area as we live in a blackspot for same. This proposal appears to have minimal disturbance to the area and I support it
21731	West Lakes	Opposed	I am very much against this for numerous reasons. The main one being health issues. There is much research showing that 5G is not a health option for those living 300 to 500 metres away. Second reason is it is such a lovely community area used by so many - why spoil this Please Charles Sturt think of your people before money.

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21732	Tennyson	Opposed	So now the proposal is in the middle of the recreation reserve where it will be more intrusive and seen by many more residents. I find it ridiculous that a proposal that was shouted down by the residents of Grange for the proposal near the bowls club is now ok to put in the middle of a recreation reserve to be seen by all the houses adjacent to Military Road and all the users of the reserve. It needs further consideration and it needs to be 'hidden' and non intrusive. More thinking required. I do object to this proposal.
21735	Tennyson	Opposed	Neither proposal. From the 5 adults that live here it is still a big NO ! We do not want to be looking out our windows on each level of our home to see this tower. We paid millions to be living where we are and are very happy with the beautiful views we have now . What about all the children using the grounds and will be at close proximity to the tower…..it's very concerning about any health effects this can cause. . If the council approves this , they will receive revenue from this venture. So will the ratepayers that are against this receive a reduction in their rates because we were here first … Have the tower moved to the west lakes shopping center . On the roof somewhere ? Our guess is the council will push for this to go ahead fir the revenue it will generate .
21740	Grange	Supportive	The new site is probably in a less used region of the recreation area and so would be less obtrusive and noticeable. The key for our family is the poor mobile coverage we have at our house in [redacted] On some days and liv golf days in particular we struggle to get any service and if we do the internet is so slow on our mobiles. When paying bills or undertaking research on our phones this can be extremely frustrating, inefficient and at times very difficult when making financial transactions. It can also cause issues of whether you have paid or not We are desperate for a new tower to help improve communication on our phones for day to day living
21741	Tennyson	Opposed	Over 50% of respondents to your last survey said they didn't want a telephone tower due to the appearance and health reasons. Mine was for the health reasons/long terms side effects that aren't known. Having the same telephone tower in the same park does NOT solve that. I know money is really all that matter to Charles Stuart council so you will do as you wish but the amount of time and money wasted to do these surveys to give people the illusion they have a choice and any type of say is pathetic because you will go ahead with the proposal even if 50% or more of people object to it yet again.
21742	Grange	Supportive	Thank you for the new proposal. I agree with the new proposal. I live in [redacted] and will welcome better coverage. I usually operate on one or two bars. Thank you again

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21753	Grange	Supportive	I suggested this location 4 years ago. Please this is desperately needed as I continually have drop outs and slow internet. A tower is well overdue and that site is not near homes.
21754	Woodville West	Supportive	Should have been situated here from the start, the least impact on the area as far as the sporting facilities are concerned, best overall distance from housing as well. Now just get on with it & get it done as I'm sick of call drop outs,slow internet with the only option being an outlay of over $1000 to purchase a smart antenna as no assistance from telcos to improve the quality of service. We are not a third world country!
21758	Grange	Supportive	The northern location seems to be the best compromise considering all factors. It would serve the needs of the area well, given the current reception difficulties in the district.
21773	West Lakes	Opposed	Neither is acceptable. This site isn't acceptable. Furthermore the towers new proposed site is more central on the reserve and to its users. It is significantly taller by approx 5 metres making it more visible. Our council rates pay for this public space for our use and the maintenance of the reserve and this is why telecommunications towers are fundamentally not on council land. Who would pockets the rent from the lease? The ratepayers? A willing tenant / business needs to be sourced and there are many in the area who would benefit from the leases funds or the towers mobile coverage.
21780	West Lakes	Opposed	I do not accept the fact that the tower will be on council land and as a rather payer I strongly oppose this proposal. Furthermore, the newly proposed site is going to accommodate a tower that is 5 metres taller than the previous site. This will be an eyesore and is not acceptable.
21796	Grange	Supportive	Support of lease - due to the fact that will provide better coverage - in particular for emergency calls.
21797	Grange	Opposed	I am opposed to a Telecommunications Tower being erected on any part of the Grange Recreation Reserve. The Reasons for this are 1) Electromagnetic Radiation 2) Visual Impact.
21806	Grange	Opposed	People purchase near this space for green spaces, tranquility and community. Putting a large tour in this space from the new mock images is an eyesore. It destroys the atmosphere and loses community space. I am not in support of this going ahead.
21817	Grange	Opposed	Unfortunately it remains a 30 metre tower in the middle of a recreational field where people play sport, walk their dogs, enjoy the playground area and activities for their health and well being. There is no getting away from that. On speaking with representatives at the open community day, it is obvious that the council made up their mind about having this tower at the reserve a long way back. Telstra should have provided at least two options after the Bowling Club debacle, however have produced only this one option. They should come back with an alternative option. The reserve is simply not the place to have a 30 metre mobile tower
21842	Grange	Opposed	Absolutely opposed. This is right where children play. Exposing them to a tower is just disgusting and liability claims will follow

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21853	Grange	Opposed	Dear Proposed Lease at Grange Recreation Reserve team, Well my opinion of Charles Sturt Council planning seems to become more degraded with each project you undertake. In summary I find you do not appreciate the benefit of long term planning for the future and just continually put bandaids over the issues for short term gratification and appeasement. The two issues at hand are 1) the build up and constant traffic on a SUBURBAN street of Charles Sturt Ave and 2) the communications tower on the Reserve. The very poor solution for Charles Sturt Ave and Fort St speaks for itself…..a total uncaring of residential safety, noise and health pollution and peace of mind tranquility. So then it comes to the Recreation Park. This is just a second example of the comment written above. One of the nicest parts of this community, and a space not on the beach, is about to be made into a huge eyesore. Once again I refer to the Band-Aid approach. This issue has been around for years and this is the only solution you could come up with! Quite shameful actually. I originally responded and said the communication tower would be fine if tucked outside the line of site and placed in the corner near Military Rd but no, it is going right in the middle of the park, right in the line of sight between Fort St to the Lake, right in the middle of the play fields, right in the middle of the cricket nets that kids use all the time, right in the middle where people gather, right where health issues are exposed to children, players, exercise groups and so-on. This community uses this Reserve and appreciate all the green work that is done on the site, we love sharing the space with kids and adult teams, love walking our dogs and chatting to other owners but now your poor planning and total lack of future proofing and Band-Aid solutions threatens to change this lovely green area into a space referred to in future conversations as ….'you can't miss it, it is a playing field with a big tower stuck in the middle…..so just follow the traffic off Trimmer Parade…' Since moving to my lovely unit on [redacted] some 5 years ago the lack of structure and management of the Charles Sturt Council has become increasingly obvious. I do not understand how this is not obvious to the Council. The streets are increasingly crowded with parked cars pointing directly at what seems to be unstructured building approval requirement outcomes. The residents and rate payers really seem to be at the bottom of the Council considerations while challenging issues appear to look to short term appeasement.
21857	Grange	Supportive	I consider the proposed new location of the Telstra Tower to the northern end of the Grange Recreation Reserve to be much better than the original proposed site. It will be further away from the much used play ground and there will be less impact on the residents living in the nearby area. Trees along the canal will screen some of the view of the tower.
21862	Grange	Supportive	I agree with any measure to increase mobile and internet speed in our area

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21863	Grange	Opposed	With a concern for the proven negative health effects that communication towers impose on animals and humans, I remain opposed to the proposed project. People engage in sport and recreational activities at this location as a means to stay healthy and should not have to do so whilst being subjected to the radiation created by these towers. The ongoing rise in the subdivision of residential blocks within the Charles Sturt Council boundaries is increasing the population and I therefore believe the council should therefore be looking to increase recreational space not decrease it. I am also curious to know how trees would screen a 35+ metre high tower from local residents. I am also curious as to who benefits financially from the proposed lease? Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my opinion.
21868	Semaphore	Disappointed but supports updated location	I am disappointed that the Telstra tower is going ahead in the Grange Recreation Reserve. However, I support the updated proposal for the new location of the Telstra Tower being toward the northern end of the Reserve. It will be much less intrusive in the new location.
21870	Grange	Supportive	I think the Northern positioning of the tower is more acceptable. It is further from where the majority of users of the reserve congregate i.e. hockey, cricket, keep fit group, dog people, playground.
21872	West Lakes	Opposed	Neither location is appropriate because it is a rate payer zone. It will devalue my land and be an eye sore
21876	Tennyson	Opposed	Feedback on updated lease proposal at Grange Recreation Reserve for a telecommunication tower: My VOTE is "NO" Phone towers should never be located on a recreation oval. Under the tower in close proximity will be hundreds of children and adults exposed during each year practicing or playing sport on a daily or weekly basis. The proposed tower will be an eye sore to everyone, including, players, visitors and locals on and near the ground which has a beautiful spread of trees. A recreation reserve is meant for recreation, not housing ugly towers and other obscene creations. It would be far better if the council could spend their time and energy deciding how to provide better sporting facilities. EG: upgrade all of the very poor playing surfaces. It's a pleasure to see the new building development take place but no other ground improvements seem to be planned. We certainly don't need an ugly telecommunications tower placed on the edge of several picturesque sporting fields. My vote - NO TELECOMMUNICATION TOWERS EVER.

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21877	Tennyson	Opposed	The proposed second location is outrageous. I am gob smacked as to why Council would consider placing this eyesore of a tower in the middle of 3 sports grounds, in arguably the loveliest of the sport and recreation spaces within Charles Sturt Council area. Whilst there is no evidence of health risks from telecommunications towers, there is a lot of scepticism around this amongst the general public; the optics of placing a tower where children play are completely tone deaf. I can't identify any advantage of this location to rate payers or visitors and believe the proposal needs to be scrapped.
21878	West Lakes	Opposed	We are not happy with either proposal.
21883	Tennyson	Opposed	I vote no to either proposal but the quick poll on the feedback page does not provide for this option. I hope the results of the quick poll when published make it clear that they were the only two options provided. I do not agree with council recreation ground, paid for by council rates, being leased for the purpose of a telecommunications tower. I am concerned about the health effects on young people that regularly use the space - the new proposal puts is right next to cricket nets and where soccer training and matches occur. I also live right across from where the tower is proposed to be located. The tower will not be shielded from any of the tree cover. Furthermore, I use Telstra, and have never had a problem with mobile phone coverage in this area.
21888	West Lakes	Opposed	Not happy for this tower to go ahead at this location. Health concerns and devaluation of my property which is adjacent!
21889	West Lakes	Opposed	Not happy with Tower going up in the Reserve, firstly health concerns with radiation, also this is a beautiful reserve and a tower sticking up anywhere on it would be unsightly, children use this reserve, what impact would it have on their health? Also devaluing our properties.

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21891	West Lakes	Other	The fact that Amplitel, owned by Telstra, has not confirmed capacity for other providers to use the tower + infrastructure buiding should automatically rule the development out of being compliant with the CLMP. Why isn't council going out to tender with a mandatory requirement for the infrastructure/telecommunications developer to support multiple providers? A resident posted a comment 5 months ago, and the response was an attempt to follow up and get clarity of Amplitel's capacity availability for othe providers. What was the outcome of that? Referring to the Telecommunications and Electrical Infrastructure on Council Land Policy, that any providers must first seek out co-location options on existing infrastructure before approaching council about construction of a new tower, means nothing in regards to mandating that developers meet their obligations from day 1 , under the CLMP to support other providers. Asking us which lease proposal is more acceptable when council first isn't ensuring compliance against the CLMP is pointless. How are service workers going to access a tower in the middle of the oval, without an access road? That should be called out and reflected in the percentage of total space required as part of this development. In addition to confirmation from Amplitel about whether servicing additional providers would require additional infrastructure/equipment sheds, which would further add to the percentage of land used under the CLMP. Providers do not share equipment sheds, almost guaranteeing additional providers means increased build footprint. The council isn't doing enough to ensure the future implications of this development are considered. The council changed the use of the land to enable a tower be installed through the CLMP, and now the council isn't even ensuring the development complies with the guidelines of the CLMP. The fact that the new preferred location has been moved 120m closer to the West Lakes Kindergarten & Early Learning Centre, should be considered and called out in terms of potential impact to the community. How is that more appropriate than the impact of a recreational sport facility, highlighted in the change overview.
21892	West Lakes	Opposed	No please do not put the tower on our beautiful reserve.

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21894	West Lakes	Opposed	No, I think the any proposal in the southern or northern location is acceptable. 1. Counter productive to the objective to to provide the community opportunities for sporting and recreational activities . 2. Against the goal to encourage participation in, and facilitate, sporting, recreational, cultural and community pursuit. 3. New cell towers damage the scenery and crowd people's homes. 4. The Grange Recreation Reserve has a very important recreational, sport-driven place, where people can relax. 5. Important place to mental - health in nature for recreation during pandemic and post pandemic without technologies. 6. Potentially reduce its value of the properties. 7. Local governments around the world are pushing back telecommunications towers and/or the new equipment's with a surge of grass-roots objections pressing the industry not to erect poles. 8. Clearly failed to address specific environmental, heritage and urban design objectives. 9. Social responsibility has to play into this decision. 10. No real need for more/fast data in this location. 11. Health risks from radiation generated by the 5G antennas have been still not adequate examined and need further research. 12. Future epidemiological studies should continue to monitor long-term health effects in the population related to wireless telecommunications. 13. Adverse effects on the scenery of West Lakes/Grange/Tennyson or view from houses.
21895	West Lakes	Opposed	There should not be any tower on the Grange Recreation Reserve. It a place for the community to get together for various activities. The tower would destroy the lovely Reserve and pose significant health risk for people on the reserve and surrounding areas. There is no need for this tower and the council should not lease a part of the reserve to establish the tower or other telecommunication infrastructure.
25/41065	Tennyson	Other	My concern about this project is the number of trees affected. How many trees will be lost from the reserve? I see there are many quite adjacent to the already enclosed area. How many trees are you asking/requiring the telco to add to the location? I'm constantly shocked at the developments approved by our council which make no accountability for trees which are lost, chopped down with impunity. When is the council going to get really serious about greening????? Please make sure that trees are a compulsory consideration here. It's a great opportunity to add some greening to our area.

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25/41113	Grange	Other	Here is my further response to the updated plan recently received in my letterbox (undated, but submissions were given a 'should submit' date of Sunday, 16 March 2025), for a proposed telecommunications lease in Grange Recreation Reserve. • In the commentary about the amended location, it is mentioned that that location has more tree cover to support screening of the tower from nearby homes and users. I am not convinced that any trees adjacent to a build, would survive next to a telecommunications tower. I am not convinced that the sole purpose of trees is to shield eyesores and nature-unfriendly energies. • I often do a walk taking in most of the perimeter of the Grange Recreation Reserve, and continuing on down towards, and then alongside, the Grange train line. There are several shrubs in the Council-managed area that have gone neglected for several months (always dry around them), and have died from what appears to be lack of water. • Recently walking past the new clubrooms redevelopment, again at the Grange Recreation Reserve, I could see that a mature Melaleuca tree had been uprooted and it appears has since been disposed of. I am still not convinced that we need more of the type of technology that is proposed with this telecommunications lease and site. I am also not convinced that what is suggested would be honoured or promises kept. There needs to be more demonstrated values such as being caring and respectful of all of the shared resources, including natural and life-giving things such as trees
25/41329	Grange	Supportive	MY HUSBAND AND I HAVE NO OBJECTION WITH THE GRANGE RECREATION RESERVE UPDATED LOCATION.
25/41525	*Grange	Supportive	We approve this tower and related changes/updates. we desperately need better mobile phone coverage in Grange
25/41962	*Grange	Opposed	I haven't changed my opinion since the last survey. The Grange Recreation Reserve is for recreational activities and not telecommunication towers.
25/43995	Grange	Supportive	I have recently moved into a unit at [redacted] Grange and have been very disappointed at the reception I get from my telephone and television I have been to l d that this tower has been under consideration for some time so my comment is if your experts say this is the best place to put it with the least impact. GET ON WITH IT

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25/44455	Grange	Opposed	How dare you even consider this ridiculous amendment. We would be eye to eye with the tower living at 34 a Seaview road and looking across Military Road If you don't want a class action against City of Charles Sturt you need to rethink what you're priorities are We gave been at Seaview Road since 2006 and will not have our eastern rooms directly looking and eye balling the tower How dare you even consider what you have put forward Either common sense or see you in court for damages
25/49907	*West Lakes	Supportive	I support the amended proposal subject to the Council receiving a commercial rate of return. I also think that the ratepayers/electors are entitled to know what lease fee is being charged.
In person	*Grange	Supportive	Resident advised she is happy with the proposal for the Lease at Grange Recreation Reserve
Late Email	*Tennyson	Opposed	1. I am a resident in close proximity to the Grange Recreation Reserve ('Reserve') and my family enjoys the use of the Reserve. 2. On the information supplied and under the circumstances, it is not considered unreasonable to object due to the likely effect of the mobile tower being an unsafe distance from not only the many users of the Reserve but also from homes. 3. There is no dispute that the Reserve is utilised extensively all year round for a multitude of reasons; including sports and social activities. Further, the Reserve is bounded by homes. 4. There is also the redevelopment of a certain area (former Cyril Baxter Clubroom site) on the western side of the Reserve that will no doubt increase patronage to the Reserve. 5. Fundamentally, the stipulated "100 metre buffer" and proposed "screening" are inadequate. Radiation energy is at its peak within 50 metres from the antenna. Despite the energy reducing as the distance from the tower increases, it's understood that a minimum safe distance of 400 metres is needed to reduce radiation energy to 100 microwatts per metre squared. Even with this increased distance (to 400 metres), it does not take into consideration those with electromagnetic field hypersensitivity or other heath issues that will be exacerbated due to the introduction, and activation, of such tower. 6. I am neither aware of any specific due diligence carried out, nor any findings, that support the lease, and in particular on the "buffer" and the proposed "screening". 7. I will be pleased to be heard on the proposal.
Letter	Albany WA, property in Grange	Supportive	i) I support this new lease request, assuming it does address the mobile coverage issues. ii) The tower can't look any worse than some of the advertising boards on the sports field fence. iii) To the best of my knowledge, there's little/no confirmed health effects of similar communication towers. Lack of mobile coverage is annoying and potentially life threatening. Regards.

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Other	West Lakes	Opposed	Many concerns - main concern health, - can't use the oval - ugly - decreases value of home
Other	Tennyson	Opposed	I don't want a big old pole in the middle of the oval and it wouldn't look good and it would take up space
SF 67239	Grange	Supportive	City Of Charles Sturt Perhaps consideration of some shade at the desert ridden playground at the eastern end of grange reserve (east of basketball) so people use this wasted area . I agree re tower as a local resident this was where we proposed installation at the first round of feedback . City Of Charles Sturt Perhaps consideration of some shade at the desert ridden playground at the eastern end of grange reserve (east of basketball) so people use this wasted area . I agree re tower as a local resident this was where we proposed installation at the first round of feedback . ------- Thanks we are at [redacted] so privy to all the activities at the reserve . Sadly the playground area rarely occupied as there is no shelter and the area is extreme dry Thanks for putting feedback forward
SF 65911	*West Lakes	Supportive	Moving the tower makes sense a very good decision