



Proposed nbn tower -22 Wills Road Weyba Downs

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- nbn co. is planning a Fixed service for Weyba Downs, western Peregian Beach.

- This requires a broadcast tower and each home will have a panel-type receiving aerial on their roofs.
- Broadcast tower will be a lattice-type tower (like a TV tower) 51m in height.
- Tower will be roughly the same height as a 15-storey building.
- In the proposed location surrounding trees are around 15m-25m in height.
- Proposed location is the northern rear corner of the cleared paddock at 22 Wills Rd, Weyba Downs.
- The proposed tower conflicts with the Sunshine Coast Regional Council planning scheme.
- Some homes will be within the recommended EME band range of 300-400m from the tower and research indicates there may be associated health risks due to close proximity to the tower.
- Fixed wireless will replace existing telephone and ADSL internet services (may be an option to keep existing ADSL depending on provider).
- This tower will not improve mobile telephone service initially (may be an option for mobile phone providers to co-locate on nbn tower in future).
- Connection speeds will likely vary dramatically from home to home due to a range of factors and may be as low as existing ADSL.
- nbn co. has advised that under fixed wireless some homes may not receive any signal which is affected by trees as well as other factors such as rain and these homes will need to be connected to a nbn satellite service.

Whilst we all agree we want faster internet, there seems to be lot of community concern about the proposed tower and because of this, Friends of Lake Weyba will be lodging a submission with Sunshine Coast Council opposing the tower on the following basis:

- *an alternative site be considered so that tower is over 400m from all homes to mitigate potential health risks and visual impact from Lake Weyba and surrounds is minimised.*
- *The feasibility of cable connection or failing that an all-satellite connection be explored for our area to avoid the visual disturbance of the tower and avoid the possibility that fixed wireless infrastructure may not deliver improved internet speeds at all or to a majority of dwellings in the coverage area.*
- *In the event the tower is approved that every available measure be implemented to reduce the unacceptable impact it will have on the visual amenity of the area including from Lake Weyba itself.*

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<http://pdonline.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/MasterView/Modules/Applicationmaster/default.aspx?page=wrapper&key=1935822>

To lodge an submission obtain a blank submission form by clicking on MAKING A SUBMISSION link on left of Council page above. Alternatively, pro forma submissions can be downloaded via www.friendsoflakeweyba.org or <https://www.nonbntowersinourbackyards.com/read-me/>

PLEASE NOTE ONLY "PROPERLY MADE" SUBMISSIONS ARE COUNTED. PLEASE USE THE CORRECT SUBMISSION FORM AND IF OBJECTING, PLEASE ENSURE YOU REFERENCE THAT THE PROPOSED TOWER IS IN CONFLICT WITH THE SUNSHINE COAST PLANNING SCHEME 2014

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