

## C5.0 Telecommunications Code

### C5.1 Code Purpose

The purpose of the Telecommunications Code is:

- C5.1.1 To provide for telecommunication networks as a service for the community.
- C5.1.2 To ensure that facilities are co-located where practicable.
- C5.1.3 To ensure that facilities use mitigation measures to avoid an unreasonable loss of visual amenity.

### C5.2 Application of this Code

- C5.2.1 Unless otherwise stated in a particular purpose zone, this code applies to all development for telecommunication facilities.
- C5.2.2 This code does not apply to use.

### C5.3 Definition of Terms

C5.3.1 In this code, unless the contrary intention appears:

Term	Definition
facilities	means, any part of the infrastructure of a telecommunications network and includes any line, equipment, apparatus, tower, mast, antenna, tunnel, duct, hole, pit, pole or other structure used, or for use, in or in connection with a telecommunications network.
line	means a wire, cable, optical fibre, tube, conduit, waveguide or other physical medium used, or for use, as a continuous artificial guide for, or in connection with, carrying communications by means of guided electromagnetic energy.
telecommunications networks	means a system, or series of systems, that carries, or is capable of carrying, communications by means of guided and/or unguided electromagnetic energy.
tower	means a tower, pole, mast or similar structure used to supply a carriage service by means of telecommunication.

### C5.4 Use or Development Exempt from this Code

- C5.4.1 There are no exemptions from this code.

### C5.5 Use Standards

- C5.5.1 There are no Use Standards in this code.

## C5.6 Development Standards for Buildings and Works

### C5.6.1 Visual amenity

Objective:	That facilities do not cause an unreasonable loss of visual amenity.
Acceptable Solutions	Performance Criteria
<p><b>A1</b></p> <p>No Acceptable Solution.</p>	<p><b>P1.1</b></p> <p>Facilities located within existing utility corridors or on sites with existing facilities, must not cause an unreasonable loss of visual amenity, having regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the siting and design of facilities;</li> <li>(b) best practice methods to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) reduce the visual impact of facilities; or</li> <li>(ii) conceal facilities within the surrounding natural or built environment;</li> </ul> </li> <li>(c) the need to minimise clearing of vegetation; and</li> <li>(d) functional and safety requirements to establish, operate and maintain facilities.</li> </ul> <p><b>P1.2</b></p> <p>Facilities not located within existing utility corridors or on sites with existing facilities, must not cause an unreasonable loss of visual amenity, having regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the need to locate the facility outside existing utility corridors or on a site with an existing facility;</li> <li>(b) the siting and design of facilities;</li> <li>(c) best practice methods to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) reduce the visual impact of facilities; or</li> <li>(ii) conceal facilities within the surrounding natural or built environment;</li> </ul> </li> <li>(d) the need to minimise clearing of vegetation; and</li> <li>(e) functional and safety requirements to establish, operate and maintain the facilities.</li> </ul>

<p><b>A2</b></p> <p>Building height of freestanding towers must be not more than:</p> <p>(a) 30m in the Rural Living Zone, General Business Zone, Central Business Zone, Commercial Zone, General Industrial Zone, Rural Zone, Agriculture Zone, Landscape Conservation Zone, Environmental Management Zone, Major Tourism Zone, Port and Marine Zone, or Utilities Zone;</p> <p>(b) 20m in the General Residential Zone, Inner Residential Zone, Low Density Residential Zone, Village Zone, Urban Mixed Use Zone, Local Business Zone, Light Industrial Zone, Community Purpose Zone, Recreation Zone, Open Space Zone, Future Urban Zone and a particular purpose zone.</p>	<p><b>P2</b></p> <p>The height of freestanding towers must not cause an unreasonable visual impact on vistas to significant public buildings, streetscapes and land reserved for, or designated in this planning scheme for, natural or scenic values, having regard to:</p> <p>(a) the topography and predominant height of existing buildings or vegetation in the surrounding area;</p> <p>(b) best practice methods to reduce visual impact;</p> <p>(c) functional and safety requirements to establish, operate and maintain the facility;</p> <p>(d) the siting and design of the facility; and</p> <p>(e) the necessity or critical role of the facility within the telecommunications network.</p>
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