

TELECOMMUNICATIONS CODE

1 Purpose of the Code

The purpose of this Code is to:

- ensure that safe and effective telecommunications are provided to the whole of the community;
- minimise the adverse impacts that telecommunication services (and associated infrastructure) may have on the community, infrastructure and the environment, including vistas as well as the operations of the Rockhampton Airport; and
- to encourage the appropriate design and environmental management of telecommunication facilities so that they respect and are sympathetic to the locality where they are proposed.

2 Application of the Code

The provisions of this code apply to any building works or material change of use for a telecommunications facility / tower.

For code assessable development, the code for assessment consists of the secondary code(s) listed below:

- Biodiversity / Nature Conservation Code; and
- Airport Code

3. Definitions

There are no definitions specific to this Code.

4. Explanation

This code provides standards that are to be met in determining the location, siting and design of a telecommunication facility / tower.

5 Performance Criteria and Acceptable Solutions

Performance Criteria	Acceptable Solutions
<p>P1 The location of a telecommunication facility / tower does not adversely impact on the amenity, health or visual character of a Residential, Residential Consolidation or Environmental Protection Area.</p>	<p>A1.1 The development is located in a(n):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Industrial Area; or (ii) Commercial Area or Commercial Precinct; or (iii) Rural Area; or (iv) Special Use Area; or (v) On the same site as a Public Facility in any Area. <p>A1.2.1 AND The development is co-located on an existing tower, or as a co-tenant on a new tower.</p> <p>A1.2.2 OR The facility is located on or as part of a new or existing building.</p>
<p>P2 Telecommunication</p>	<p><i>In partial satisfaction of P2</i></p>



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<p>facilities / towers are designed, constructed and operated in a manner that does not adversely impact on the area wherein they are located by way of the following:</p> <p>(a) Reducing the natural or built amenity; and</p> <p>(b) Inhibiting, interrupting or lessening vistas and views to or from any location; and</p> <p>(c) Damaging the environment of an area (including cultural heritage); and</p> <p>(d) Fettering the opportunities for other existing or intended future land uses; and</p> <p>(e) Preventing persons loitering on the site but allowing surveillance within the site to occur from public roads or other public spaces; and</p> <p>(f) Incorporating landscaping to reduce the impact of the facility / tower from prominent viewpoints; and</p> <p>(g) Are painted natural tones of colours such as green or brown; and</p> <p>(h) When part of a building, are designed and installed in a</p>	<p>A2.1 A B99 vehicle is able to enter and exit the site in forward gear and the site is secured with chain wire mesh fencing 2.0 metres in height.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>A2.2 The highest point of the development is not greater than the height limit specified on Planning Scheme Map 3 or 10 metres, whichever is the greater.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>A2.3 The development is not located within 50 metres measured 'as the crow flies' of a residential dwelling unit.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>A2.4 The development does not require the clearing of more than 25m² of land, excluding any access road.</p>



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manner that they appear as part of the building design or are not visible from any public road or other public space.	
P3 The proposal does not generate a visual amenity impact on sensitive locations, including the Berserker foothills and ranges and is able to mitigate any impacts on the natural values of the site.	<p>A3.1 The whole of proposals are located below;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the ridgeline of topographical features they are located on such as hill tops or mountain ranges when un-vegetated; or (ii) the height of the tree canopy existing within 5 metres of the proposal. <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>A3.2.1 If located in an Environmental Protection Area, the proposal complies with the Biodiversity / Nature Conservation Code¹.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>A3.2.2 The development is not located within an Environmental Protection Area.</p>
P4 The development is not a safety hazard to the aviation operations of the Rockhampton Airport.	A4 The proposal complies with the Airport Code .



¹ A site located in an Environmental Protection Area is likely to be required to prepare an Environmental Management Plan in accordance with **Planning Scheme Policy No. 1 – Preparation of Ecological Assessment Reports and Environmental Management Plans**.