

9.3.20 Telecommunications facility code

9.3.20.1 Application

- (1) This code applies to assessable development identified as requiring assessment against the Telecommunications facility code by the tables of assessment in **Part 5 (Tables of assessment)**.
- (2) All provisions in this code are assessment benchmarks for applicable assessable development.

Editor's note—

- (a) this code deals with *telecommunication facilities* involving the erection of a telecommunication tower; and
- (b) development for a *telecommunications facility* that involves studios or offices for broadcasting should be assessed against the Business uses and centre design code as provided for in **Part 5 (Tables of assessment)**.

Editor's note—the planning scheme does not apply to *telecommunications facilities* identified as low impact under the *Telecommunications (Low Impact Facilities) Determination 1997*. This includes certain co-located *telecommunications facilities*.

9.3.20.2 Purpose and overall outcomes

- (1) The purpose of the Telecommunications facility code is to ensure *telecommunication facilities* are developed in a manner which protects public health, the environment and the amenity of surrounding premises.
- (2) The purpose of the Telecommunication facility code will be achieved through the following overall outcomes:-
 - (a) a *telecommunications facility* does not adversely affect the amenity of surrounding premises;
 - (b) a *telecommunications facility* is integrated with its natural, rural or townscape setting and does not detract from the visual amenity of scenic routes;
 - (c) a *telecommunications facility* does not adversely impact upon community wellbeing; and
 - (d) a *telecommunications facility* is located with compatible uses and facilities.

9.3.20.3 Performance outcomes and acceptable outcomes

Table 9.3.20.3.1 Performance outcomes and acceptable outcomes for assessable development

Performance Outcomes		Acceptable Outcomes	
Proximity To Residential Uses and Public Spaces			
PO1	The <i>telecommunications facility</i> is located so as to minimise any adverse impacts on the amenity of nearby residential uses and public spaces.	AO1	The <i>telecommunications facility</i> is located at least:- (a) 400 metres from any residential use, or <i>park</i> ; and (b) 20 metres from any public pathway. Editor's note—where a proposal cannot achieve the above separation distances and has demonstrated that there is no suitable alternative location that can achieve these separation distances, a visual impact assessment may be undertaken to demonstrate compliance with PO1.
Visual Amenity and Landscape Character			
PO2	The <i>telecommunications facility</i> is integrated with its natural, rural or townscape setting and is not visually dominant or obtrusive.	AO2.1	<i>In partial fulfilment of Performance Outcome PO2</i> The <i>telecommunications facility</i> :- (a) is of a similar height to surrounding

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			<p>structures or <i>vegetation</i>;</p> <p>(b) has a colour and finish that reduces visual recognition in the landscape; and</p> <p>(c) is unobtrusive when viewed from any scenic route identified on a Scenic Amenity Overlay Map.</p>
		AO 2.2	The <i>telecommunications facility</i> is located at least 1 kilometre from any other existing or approved <i>telecommunications facility</i> .
		AO2.3	Any building associated with the <i>telecommunications facility</i> is <i>setback</i> from any street front boundary a distance at least equal to the front <i>setback</i> required for the adjoining use.
		AO2.4	A 3 metre wide landscape strip is provided between any building associated with the <i>telecommunications facility</i> and any street front boundary or adjoining use.
Health and Safety			
PO3	The <i>telecommunications facility</i> does not cause human exposure to electromagnetic radiation beyond accepted precautionary limits.	AO3	<p>The <i>telecommunications facility</i> is designed and operated to restrict human exposure to electromagnetic radiation in accordance with the:-</p> <p>(a) <i>Radio Communications (Electromagnetic Radiation – Human Exposure) Standard 2003</i>; and</p> <p>(b) <i>Radio Protection Standard for Maximum Exposure Levels to Radiofrequency Fields</i>.</p>
PO4	The <i>telecommunications facility</i> is secure and potential impacts from vandalism are minimised.	AO4.1	Security fencing is provided to prevent unauthorised entry to the <i>telecommunications facility</i> .
		AO4.2	Safety and warning signage is displayed where necessary.
Facility Co-location			
PO5	The <i>telecommunications facility</i> is designed to facilitate co-location with other <i>telecommunication facilities</i> .	AO5	The structural elements of the <i>telecommunications facility</i> are designed to support co-masting or co-siting with other carriers.