



## Nomination for Brickbat Telstra Monopole

The monopole at 73 East Tce Henley Beach is within Precinct 79 of Henley Beach, an 'Historic Conservation Area' in the City of Charles Sturt's Development Plan, which describes the area as generally featuring "smaller villas and bungalows in the narrower streets".

The council's guidelines also include: "Telecommunications facilities should not have a direct or significant effect on the amenity, character and settings of Historic Conservation Areas, Local heritage places, State heritage places or State Heritage Areas" and that it be aesthetically pleasing, whereas a standard design appears to be used.

Over 40 submissions and objections to this development were submitted by local residents but, as Council's actions left the complainants without legal representation and potentially significant Court costs, the monopole was approved by the ERD Court, potentially allowing even more additions.

This decision potentially sets a precedent for all future development applications in Historic Areas throughout the State. The Tower is now the dominant feature on the landscape, dwarfing the nearby Norfolk Pines by at least 10 metres. Residents claim it has ruined their seaside landscape forever and changed the character and beauty of this historic zone.

21<sup>st</sup> Century technology deserves to be treated with 21<sup>st</sup> Century care.

A brickbat has been nominated to City of Charles Sturt for inadequate consultation and duty of care for the residents, and to the ERD Court for failing to take cognisance of the Development Plan of the City of Charles Sturt.



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