9.3.20 Telecommunications facility code

9.3.20.1 Application

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)**.

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 Assessment criteria

Table 9.3.20.3.1 Criteria for assessable development

Performance Outcomes		Acceptable Outcomes	
Proximity To Sensitive Land Uses			
PO1	The *telecommunications facility* is located so as to minimise any adverse impacts on the amenity of nearby residential, community and other *sensitive land uses*.	**AO1**	The *telecommunications facility* is located at least:- (a) 400 metres from any residential use; (b) 500 metres from any *child care centre*, *community care centre*, *educational establishment* or *park*; (c) 20 metres from any public pathway; and (d) 1 kilometre from any other existing or approved *telecommunications facility*.
Visual Amenity and Landscape Character			
PO2	The *telecommunications facility* is integrated with its natural, rural or townscape setting and is not visually dominant or obtrusive.	**AO2.1**	*In partial fulfilment of Performance Outcome PO2* The *telecommunications facility*:- (a) is of a similar height to surrounding structures or *vegetation*; (b) has a colour and finish that reduces visual recognition in the landscape; and (c) is unobtrusive when viewed from any scenic route identified on a Scenic

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Performance Outcomes		Acceptable Outcomes	
			Amenity Overlay Map.
		AO2.2	Any building associated with the *telecommunications facility* is *setback* from any street front boundary a distance at least equal to the front *setback* required for the adjoining use.
		AO2.3	A 3 metre wide landscape strip is provided between any building associated with the *telecommunications facility* and any street front boundary or adjoining use.
Health and Safety			
PO3	The *telecommunications facility* does not cause human exposure to electromagnetic radiation beyond accepted precautionary limits.	**AO3**	The *telecommunications facility* is designed and operated to restrict human exposure to electromagnetic radiation in accordance with the:- (a) *Radio Communications (Electromagnetic Radiation – Human Exposure) Standard 2003*; and (b) *Radio Protection Standard for Maximum Exposure Levels to Radiofrequency Fields*.
PO4	The *telecommunications facility* is secure and potential impacts from vandalism are minimised.	**AO4.1**	Security fencing is provided to prevent unauthorised entry to the *telecommunications facility*.
		AO4.2	Safety and warning signage is displayed where necessary.
Facility Co-location			
PO5	The *telecommunications facility* is designed to facilitate co-location with other *telecommunication facilities*.	**AO5**	The structural elements of the *telecommunications facility* are designed to support co-masting or co-siting with other carriers.

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