

APPENDIX 5

Letter from Hon Peter Dunne dated 14 May 2008 to Mr Bill Osborne, Chairman of NZCL



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Mr Bill Osborne
Chairman, New Zealand Communications Limited
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AUCKLAND

Dear Mr Osborne

I am writing following approaches from constituents in the Abilene Crescent area of Churton Park, Wellington, regarding a letter distributed by your company to householders on 28 April 2008 advising of the proposed installation of a cell site on a piece of land opposite 50 Abilene Crescent.

This proposed site is within approximately 150 metres of a site currently used by Vodafone and residents are concerned at the apparent duplication of sites, and the inevitable risk that as competition within the telecommunications industry increases more such towers will be erected in places of prime location. I also note that in December 2007 it was announced that New Zealand Communications Limited and Vodafone New Zealand Limited had signed a national roaming services agreement, which would enable New Zealand Communications to utilise Vodafone's 2G, GSM and GPRS networks. Informal discussions that I have had with the Vodafone representatives indicated that they were under the impression that New Zealand Communications was looking to share sites with them rather than erect its own cell towers. Yet the letter circulated to constituents in Churton Park indicate that the Abilene Crescent tower is one of approximately 475 cell sites that New Zealand Communications is proposing to develop in the main centres over the next eighteen months.

Accordingly, I would be grateful if you could clarify with me precisely what your company's intentions are in this regard and whether you are seeking to share Vodafone's sites or have abandoned that idea in favour of developing your own towers. If the latter is the case, I would be interested in your reaction to the concern of residents about a potential increase in the installation of cell sites in residential areas.

I look forward to your response in due course.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Dunne', written over a horizontal line.

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