

**Telecommunication
Infrastructure**

Efficient and reliable communications network in the Shire is critical for a connected and safe community. New telecommunications infrastructure need to be compatible with, and not detriment to, the Shire's important landscape context.

The following information sheet guidelines applicants and submitters on the planning considerations of telecommunication proposals within the shire.

Is planning approval required for telecommunication infrastructure?Telecommunications Act 1997

Under the *Telecommunications Act 1997*, the following telecommunication infrastructure is exempt from the requirement to obtain development approval:

- (a) A low-impact facility described in the Telecommunications (Low-Impact Facilities) Determination 1997;
- (b) Inspection and maintenance;
- (c) A temporary defence facility; and
- (d) A facility authorised by a Facilities Installation Permit issued under the Telecommunications Act.

Accordingly, infrastructure such as new mobile telecommunication towers are not low-impact facilities and require development approval.

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In circumstances when telecommunication infrastructure is **not** exempt under the Telecommunications Act, planning approval from the Shire of Mundaring is required.

A property's zoning can be found out by using the Shire's online GIS mapping (Intramaps) which can be found here: [Online GIS Mapping](#). Alternatively, the Shire's Planning Department can be contacted on 08 9290 6740 or via shire@mundaring.wa.gov.au.

What matters are taken into consideration when assessing development applications for telecommunication infrastructure?

In accordance with the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*, the Shire is required to have regard to various matters when determining a development application. These include, amongst others:

- a) The aims and provisions of LPS4;
- b) Any approved State Planning Policy;
- c) The compatibility of the development with its setting;
- d) The amenity of the locality; and
- e) The suitability of the land for the development taking into account the possible risk to human health or safety.

The Shire must also have regard to State Planning Policy 5.2 Telecommunications Infrastructure (SPP5.2).

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SPP5.2 aims to balance the need for effective telecommunications services and effective roll-out of networks, with the community interest in protecting the visual character of local areas. The objectives of SPP5.2 are to:

- facilitate the provision of telecommunications infrastructure in an efficient and environmentally responsible manner to meet community needs
- manage the environmental, cultural heritage, visual and social impacts of telecommunications infrastructure
- ensure that telecommunications infrastructure is included in relevant planning processes as essential infrastructure for business, personal and emergency reasons
- promote a consistent approach in the preparation, assessment and determination of planning decisions for telecommunications infrastructure.

Information regarding what details applicants are required to provide as part of a development application for proposed telecommunication infrastructure is outlined in SPP5.2. A copy of SPP5.2 can be found here: [SPP5.2 - Telecommunications infrastructure](#)

Will development applications for proposed telecommunication infrastructure be advertised for public comment?

The development application will be advertised in accordance with the Shire's Advertising Planning Applications Local Planning Policy (PS-01). A copy of which can be viewed here: [Local Planning Policy](#)

More information

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