



## **Meredith Telecommunications Tower Site Lease - Communications & Engagement Report 27 November to 11 December 2024**

Golden Plains Shire Council sought community feedback on a proposed lease for a 100-square metre site located at the northwest corner of the Council-owned works depot on Wallace Street, Meredith. The lease is being negotiated with a private provider, with community consultation required under the Local Government Act 2020.

Council is committed to ensuring the community's views are considered in deciding on this lease and encourages residents to share their feedback.

The community has voiced an appetite in strengthening telecommunications infrastructure to benefit residents and businesses throughout the Shire.

The project is in the early stages and to begin detailed project planning the private company need to secure a lease for land. The land in the northwest corner of the works depot on Wallace Street, Meredith, is identified as a suitable location. Construction timelines are currently not known and will be subject to planning and funding pending further investigation.

Feedback was invited from Wednesday 27 November to 5pm, Wednesday 11 December 2024.

**Question 1 – Do you support Council's proposal to lease a 100 square metre site at the North West corner of the works depot on Wallace Street, Meredith, for future telecommunications infrastructure development?**

2 respondents answered **yes**, 2 respondents said **unsure**, and 3 respondents said **no**.

**What concerns or suggestions do you have about the proposed lease or the future installation of the telecommunications infrastructure on this site?**

*I frequent Meredith often and when inside buildings struggle with phone coverage. I hope this transmitter in the town will help with in building coverage and increase capacity for data. I support the proposal.*

*There is no map provided to show the site in question.*

*We have not been informed of height of tower, purpose of tower, environmental impact such as potential loss of trees which are habitat of wildlife, potential noise omissions, visual impact on our township and detailed information of the plans. Also concerns regarding why this site has been chosen when it is next to houses considering the size of the golden plains and the vast open areas that are not located next door to houses. This tower could impact the house value of surrounding house values.*

*I question the need for another telecommunication tower in Meredith, as there is already an exist tower for this purpose adjacent to the railway line. This tower would be occupy a site which is in the centre of town, amongst many houses. A tower of any size would be intrusive on locals properties and may have a environmental impact on residences and wildlife. Surely council have a more appropriate site.*

*Where exactly is this location? Why is there no map? What other sites have been considered? Who is the private company? What is its purpose? Whose responsibility is it if the tower causes issues, injury's someone or other liability concerns? How tall will it be? How close will it be to homes? Does it pose any risks?*



*If the tower is used for communications and accessible for all, wouldn't it just be positively adding to the local infrastructure...*

*While I understand the importance of community growth and infrastructure, I am deeply worried about the potential negative impacts this project may have on my property value, visual outlook, and the overall street appeal of the neighbourhood. As a homeowner, I am particularly concerned about the possible devaluation of my property and respectfully request a formal assessment of the development's potential effect on local property values. Additionally, the visual impact of this project when viewed from my home raises significant concerns as this will be in direct line of sight from my front door. What will the company do to minimise this if it is approved?*

*I am unable to log into the site to add my voice to this ridiculous idea that council has about letting a phone tower into the town area.*

*My objections are:*

- 1. Mooney street is a family street our safety is paramount.*
- 2. Emissions from the tower are more than likely to affect residence. We are warned about radio waves from our phones now!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*
- This Ball is no different.*
- 3. Cricket players practice all year round at this site.*
- 4. Extra traffic to and from this site day and night.*
- 5. Trees more than likely will have to be cut down. Affecting bird life.*
- 6. There is plenty of land on the edge of the town to build a tower.*
- 7. Their towers work all over the country; it does not have to be in our backyard.*
- 8. It is unbelievable that Council did not notify all residents by mail, you have our address as you send rate notices out. Very sneaky of the council!*
- 9. I am sure that we will fight this with every avenue available to us. I just can't believe how sneaky the council has been. I employ many locals in my business. Not one of them knew about this proposal or is happy about it.*



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**Website**

Council's website featured a Meredith Telecommunications tower site leaser Web banner which linked to the [Meredith Telecommunications Have Your Say page](#).

**Media**

A media release, titled '[Council invites community feedback on proposed Meredith telecommunications tower site lease](#)' was sent out on 27 November. The media release was also published as a web story on the Golden Plains Shire Council website.

**e-newsletters**

The Meredith telecommunications was featured in the [November](#) edition of Engage, Council's monthly community engagement e-newsletter.





### Google Analytics

During the consultation period, there were **163 pageviews** on the Have Your Say page.

### Social media

Three social media channels were employed to promote the Meredith telecommunications consultation:

- Facebook
- LinkedIn
- Twitter


**Total posts:** 3

**Total reach:** 5,257


**Total engagement:** 2,261

**Total Impressions:** 2,466


### Facebook Comments:

 **Beverley Phillips**  
Glad to see others are sceptical also. ...



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 **Joshua Medley**  
Can you please show a map on where the proposed site is? ...


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 **Colin Cook**  
[Joshua Medley](#) Is it the unused fenced off site just opposite the store? I thought that used to be the depot as the Bluestone building now used by the history group used to be the council offices. ...

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 **Colin Cook**  
You'll be lucky to get any feedback. I've never had any of my questions about other posts answered. You'll probably have to contact the shire offices in the morning ...

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**Ken McLachlan**

is it so hard to click the link and read.....

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**Charmayne Hales**

[Ken McLachlan](#) no. I did click the link. Doesn't answer any of my questions.

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How about not asking residents for spray sealing cross overs & putting residents like me out of work for your rules

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-  **Charmayne Hales**  
What type of telecommunications tower? Thanks. ...

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-  **Liz Day**  
[Charmayne Hales](#) probably Optus...they have been around BB, Lethbridge, Meredith. ...

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-  **Charmayne Hales**  
[Liz Day](#) we need to know. ...

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-  **Charmayne Hales**  
What's the use of the tower? Business or Personal? ...

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-  **Charmayne Hales**  
Who will benefit from the tower? ...

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-  **Kelly Bond**  
Could it be any more vague? ...

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