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Lithgow City Council  
Mort Street  
Lithgow NSW 2790

Attn: Environment and Development

Re: DA 317/16 LGS:CEF – NBN Fixed Wireless Facility, Little Hartley

We refer to the Development Application by Aurecon, acting on behalf of NBN, to locate a fixed wireless tower in Little Hartley.

In late 2016, the HDPA carried out a community survey of Hartley Valley residents and the No 1 issue identified was the need to have improved telecommunication services in the area. The Aurecon/NBN proposal goes some way to addressing that need and be seen as a positive step forward. That said, the lack of any community consultation or communication with local residents by NBN about the proposed development is HDPA's major underlying concern.

An uninformed local community is not in anyone's best interest. Accordingly, HDPA suggests that NBN should brief the local community on the proposal before the DA is considered by Council - HDPA would be happy to work with Council to facilitate this. As a minimum, we believe the community should be informed about the process followed to determine the proposed location including the options that were considered and their respective pros and cons.

For the future, I'd suggest there would be merit in advising our Association when matters like this – with broad community interest - are being considered. We would willingly enhance the quality of Council's consultation process by promulgating information through our website and social media networks.

Yours sincerely

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