



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Telecom signs up to community engagement guidelines**

Telecom has today pledged its commitment to community engagement guidelines developed by the Telecommunications Carriers' Forum (TCF), on the location of new wireless telecommunications facilities.

Paul Leslie, Head of Community Relations, says Telecom fully supports the intention of the guidelines, to standardise the industry approach to engaging with communities when upgrading existing, or building new, mobile phone sites in residential areas.

"The guidelines will ensure that communities hear about our plans for new sites when we begin the approvals process with councils rather than a few weeks prior to building the site, as has sometimes been the case to-date.

"This gives us more time to engage in a constructive way with communities that may require more information from us."

Telecom has been a core member of the working group that developed the guidelines, along with Vodafone, Woosh and Kordia.

The guidelines were developed in consultation with central and local government, and with members of the public.

The guidelines can be viewed on the TCF website at:

<http://www.tcf.org.nz/content/6efda0e0-d74d-4a95-95d2-0769696c53d6.html>

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