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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** 5G Tower Response

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email received 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024. Please find responses to your questions below, the information of which is publicly available online.

**1. Who owns the 5 G towers**

The telecommunication companies such as Spark, One and 2degrees. Some may be owned by infrastructure companies that lease space to multiple carriers.

**2. did they given permission for them to be installed**

Installation of telecommunication towers is regulated by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) and Radio Spectrum Management division of MBIE. They issue licenses and permits for the installation and operation of telecommunication infrastructure, including towers. Local Councils may have zoning regulations and permit processes that need to be adhered to.

**3. did they consult the public in the area where they have been placed**

This question should be directed to the relevant telecommunication company, specifying the area of interest.

**4. Dose the council collect any fees from the owners of the 5!G towers.**

Council may collect fees for various purposes, most often through building and/or resource consent application fees.

**5. Does the council give a guarantee that the 5 G towers are not a health hazard.**

Local Councils do not provide guarantees regarding the health impacts of 5g towers. Health and safety concerns fall under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Health and the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA). The National Environmental Standard for Telecommunication Facilities 2016 (Sub Part 7, Regulation 55) requires compliance with the New Zealand Standard NZS 2772:Part 1:19999 Radiofrequency Field Part 1 – Maximum Exposure Levels – 3kHz to 300 GHz and is relevant to all telecommunication facilities that generate Radiofrequency (RF) fields in any location.

**6. if it is proven that the 5 G towers are a health hazard will they give a personal guarantee that they will except any or all responsibility for damage to the ratepayers health**

As above, health and safety concerns fall under national regulatory bodies and not local government bodies.

For more information on concerns surrounding cellphone sites and technologies please see our website <https://www.tcdc.govt.nz/Our-Community/Community-concerns-with-cellphone-sites-and-technologies>

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