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Your submission for this review:

Dear Sir/Ma'am I am making a submission regarding the Central Coast Amateur Radio Club (CCARC) located on Crown Lands. The CCARC own a tower which holds the head license for the tower located on R89938 which also hosts telecommunications platforms for Optus as S 1934 Kariong. The CCARC previously had an agreement with Optus, where Optus paid a rental/administrative fee to the CCARC for holding space on the tower and that the CCARC also performed maintenance around the site and kept it neat and tidy for Optus. In approximately 2013 Optus ceased paying the rental fee to the CCARC and have advised that since that time they have been paying a rental fee to Crown Lands. The CCARC is in a very unique position as being the main tenant on a Reserve yet shares tower space with Optus on the CCARC tower. The CCARC has never sought to have Optus leave the tower site due to the ceasing of payments but we wish to re-enter into negotiations with Optus on this matter and have reconnected recently in order to do so. The reason for my submission is in the hope that this review may seek to give clarification on what position tenants such as the CCARC are in regarding the sharing of infrastructure with a Telecommunications Provider. I seek for the review to lay out a pathway for negotiations to be able to give clear direction on the responsibilities of the second party (Being Optus in this case) to ensure that the party holding the Head License is able to look after their interests especially when the second party is a much larger entity. I have read the previous review and understand that it states that the owner of the tower and the Communications Provider must enter into their own agreements regarding the payment of rent for occupying the site. The problem for the CCARC is the possibility of taking on a much more legally capable entity and therefore some forms of protection for smaller entities must be afforded under the IPART. For your consideration [REDACTED]