Thanks for the opportunity to comment. I truly believe the government needs to be taking a more precautionary approach to the whole aspect of wireless technology until the scientific community comes to some consensus on the possible health concerns. There is enough data coming in to merit caution. I fully support the proposed changes to the IC tower siting policy as a step to safeguarding vulnerable citizens and commend the amendments being proposed.

For the most part the public are unaware of the antennae until after they are built and not at all of the smaller less intrusive ones now springing up. The point is not to make the antennae more aesthetically pleasing but to site them within safe distances of residences and institutions. With that said I hope you would consider the following:

1) Public notification and consultation on all antennae – not just those being put on new towers but also for those proposed for churches, apartment and office buildings, current towers and hydro poles. And not just those over 15 meters as the wireless companies have circumnavigated that with building them 14.9 meters high!!!

2) There should no antenna within 500 meters of any school or daycare centre.

3) Changes and or modifications to existing towers/antennas should be included in the notification and consultation process if they raise the RF output of the structure by more than 25%.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to what I feel is a very important matter for the health of our children. It may not be for 30 or 40 years before we discover the effects of this amazing but unknown technology. Hopefully they will be able to look back and see that we were proactive.

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