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TO: Telstra Corporate.

I am a local government Councillor representing Hawkesbury City, in the north-west of the Sydney metropolitan area.

You maintain a telephone exchange in the main street of Richmond, one of our most historic and beautiful townships, at 314 Windsor Street. Built in 1972, the exchange has a yard in front of the building which faces into the main street.

Sadly, the yard has become completely overgrown with weeds and is now an eyesore. I enclose some photos for your response. I am told by locals that in the past, the garden was so nice that people had their wedding photos there, and that it won local awards. Inside the overgrowth is a rockery and the remains of a once-attractive wooden arbor. We do not know why it has become so terribly neglected.

We have recently completed some significant main street upgrades in Richmond, including paving, tree planting, signage and other beautification works.

We have encouraged everyone in Richmond to be proud of their street presentation, whether their properties be private, commercial or civic.

Given its prominent location in our main street, can you please direct some attention to rehabilitate your property so that it looks as good as the rest of our beautiful town?

Further, I'd like to suggest that a way in which Telstra could give back to our community is to permit and/or fund some re-landscaping of the site. Getting rid of the brick wall, and opening it up as a mini-park with planted beds and benches would complement the mature trees in the yard and offer somewhere shaded, pleasant and convenient to sit. There is a bus stop out the front, and this would also have the beneficial effect of improving pedestrian access lost to the bus-stop. These improvements would in no way affect the security, operation or access to the phone exchange. Some have raised the idea of a community garden.

We don't believe this to be too much to ask for a company which posted \$2.1B in profit last year. In negotiation with Council, perhaps it could be called "Telstra Park".

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nathan Zamprogno". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a dark ink on a white background.

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Hawkesbury City Councillor.