



## Public Consultation Document

Telstra Reference No: **57767**  
Payphone ID: **02935656X2**  
Address: **72 William Street**  
**Darlinghurst NSW 2010**

It is proposed that a payphone be removed from outside:  
72 William Street, Darlinghurst NSW 2010  
(Payphone ID: 02935656X2)

The next nearest payphone is located outside:  
52 William Street, Woolloomooloo NSW 2011  
(Payphone ID 02933110X2) which is approximately 90 metres from the  
current site.

This removal has been prompted by Telstra due to significant challenges  
in restoring reliable power to this site.

Telstra intends making a final decision on this proposal by:  
**11<sup>th</sup> June 2025.**



## Legislative Requirement Paragraph 13 (1) (b) of the Payphone Public Consultation Determination

### Public Consultation Document – when Telstra cannot continue to reasonably operate a payphone at the site

- i) Telstra's reasons for the payphone removal proposal including facts upon which the proposal is based.

#### *Why we are proposing to remove this payphone.*

##### Telstra's Response

Telstra is unable to reasonably operate this payphone without power. The power supply ownership has changed and a new point of connection needs to be sourced.

The cost to sourcing power from an alternate location has been quoted at greater than \$20,000. An alternate payphone is located approximately 90 metres away outside 52 William Street, Woolloomooloo NSW 2011

- ii) to the extent that it is available, and it is reasonable for Telstra to disclose it, evidence proving those facts

#### *Evidence to prove the facts upon which this proposal is based.*

##### Telstra's Response

Continuous 240-volt power is required to operate a payphone. Since the disconnection of the point of supply to this site Telstra has received a quote in excess of \$20,000 to restore power. With an alternate payphone available within close proximity, Telstra believes this cost to be excessive to restore power to one payphone.

- iii) to the extent that it is available, and it is reasonable for Telstra to disclose it, evidence proving those facts

The supply of power to the payphone has been previously via an adjacent Ausgrid power pole. This power pole has been upgraded and now owned by Sydney City Council. The Council is unwilling to allow connection of the payphone to the power pole. Large civil cost and trenching is required to obtain an alternative power supply.

#### *The criterion that applies to this proposed payphone removal*

##### Telstra's Response

Telstra cannot continue to reasonably operate the payphone at the site.



- iv) the proposed removal of the payphone

*How a complaint (or request for further information) may be made.*

Telstra response:

Should you wish to make a complaint regarding the decision, it must be made within 20 business days of the final decision which will be posted on the Telstra Payphone website. Complaints can be made through the

Telstra Payphone Siting Manager  
Locked Bag 4850  
Melbourne Vic 3001

or by calling us on 1800 011 433 selection Option 2  
or email [payphones@team.telstra.com](mailto:payphones@team.telstra.com)

To make a written objection to the ACMA regarding a Telstra payphone complaint, it must be within 10 business days from when the primary universal service provider provided its written response to the complaint

[www.acma.gov.au/payphones](http://www.acma.gov.au/payphones)

Telstra advises that the personal information of the complainant may be disclosed to the ACMA for the purpose of resolving the objection.

- v) notification, for the purposes of the Privacy Act 1988, that should a person make a complaint, Telstra may be required to disclose the complainant's personal information (as contained in the complaint) to the ACMA.

*Notification for the purposes of the Privacy Act 1988*

Telstra response:

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