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Fears may be overstated

IN THE article "Caution on tower spree" (C-M, Sept 21) Lachlan Heywood interprets Communications Minister Helen Coonan's remarks as the Federal Government recognising the roll-out of mobile phone towers as a legitimate health fear. Although Coonan is correct in highlighting the RMIT incident in Melbourne as one in which there was a great deal of fear expressed by staff over the incidence of brain tumours in a building with base stations on the roof, a review by two independent expert groups concluded there was no evidence of a brain tumour cluster and no evidence of exposures at or above levels of concern for known or suspected occupational or environmental risk factors for brain cancer, including the radiofrequency emissions from the phone antennas. In regard to the latter, the concern was therefore baseless. Both the World Health Organisation and the Australian Centre for Radiofrequency Bioeffects Research agree there is a need for more research in certain areas to improve knowledge and better evaluate any possible health risk. The ACRBR is conducting research on neurological and behavioural aspects of mobile telephony embracing epidemiological, human, animal and cellular studies.

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