

Debated in Congress on antennas, electromagnetic pollution and health effects

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Organized by the Popular Unity bloc was held in the annex building of the Chamber of Deputies a public hearing to discuss the effects they have on the health of people.

The national deputy Antonio Riestra, Popular Unity bloc, presented by the legislator of Buenos Aires in Buenos Aires for all UP Laura Garcia Tunon and neighborhood organizations autoconvocados held a public hearing on the effects on the health of the population, Electromagnetic pollution from phone masts, FM, Wi-Fi and other devices.

In opening the hearing, Rep. Riestra said that "although not yet know all the aspects of this problem, it is clear that safety standards limiting radiation levels in almost every country in the world, seem to be thousands of times higher than the levels at which the risk actually disappear or be minimized. "So, estimated that" new approaches are needed to find alternatives that do not pose the same level of health risk, while it is time to those changes. "

"As people became aware of the effects on health when installing antennas in neighborhoods, the lawsuits brought against these authorizations, the complaints filed with the municipalities were increasing. And this happens not only in Argentina , multiply global social and environmental movements that seeks review of regulations and protection of human health, "the national legislature.

On this point, Riestra submitted to debate the bill of his own which he said, "establishes minimum budgets for environmental protection in the matter, according to the rules set forth by Article 41 of the Constitution guaranteeing the right to health and to live in a healthy environment. The Office is authorized to issue such rules in order to match the floor of environmental regulation across the country. Each province can from there pass laws stricter but not more lax. "

"We want to discuss all this project, the standards development process is usually done with little contribution from other sectors. We want to hear about all the experts in public health. The project is open to be modified and improved. What we ask and we want to promote through this activity is being processed, the discussion of the issues raised, "said Riestra.

In turn Buenos Aires legislator Laura Garcia Tunon said that "as legislators have a duty to safeguard the health of citizens and regulate through rules to avoid getting sick antennas to the population and yet appeal to the political and business will, the way is that we all think of a city and a country that does not contaminate and sicken the population by the use of satellite communication and television daily proliferate without any care. "

Marta Maffei, driving the initiative at the parliamentary level, noted that "Electromagnetic pollution from phone masts, FM, Wi-Fi and other devices that emit ionizing radiation, and has plenty of evidence around the world. The years since installation, possible to corroborate serious health effects, including embryos, children, youth and pregnant. "

The People's Union leader said: "Our legislation is insufficient and backward into the specifics, especially the judicial reluctance to implement effective precautionary principle." He considered that "it is imperative to the dictates of national rules setting clear limits and renewal of the companies providing services replacing obsolete existing technologies that allow safe and adequate health protection for all."

Finally, the president of deputies of the Unidad Popular, Claudio Lozano, said that "companies have to invest in network redesign and relocate cell antennae to defend the health and lives of our people."

In closing the debate, Riestra thanked the experts and the militancy of the neighbors on these issues and said that "the pain of mothers and families make one put more cargo than any other legislative proposal. I also express my presence is only the continuation of a task that began some time ago Marta Maffei, then continued Benas who gave Veronica joined the project and now I am giving continuity is continuity have always set you (referring to present residents and specialists) who are the military started this topic. Summoning us to move forward, aware of what is now said, and knowing the power against whom the dispute, will continue to insist all the time necessary to move forward with this proposal. "

Were present and presented the national deputies Victor De Gennaro and Graciela Iturraspe-Popular Unity and Margarita Stolbizer-GEN-legislator José María Lubertino Buenos Aires, Vicente López Councilman Carlos Roberto, Lanus Estela Maris Garcia, engineer William Defays (CEPETEL-CTA), Dr. Anna Della Fonte-medical member of AAMMA ([Argentina Association of Doctors for the Environment](#)) - and MD Sacchi Jose Luis Bas, Secretary of Health of the CTA Stella Maris Moreno, Drs. Bethlehem Aliciardi and Mario Caparelli-lawyers specializing in environmental law, Ricardo Monner Sans, Architect Liliana Alvarez Lopez Comunera commune Maru 10-CABA-Neighborhood Organizations Autoconvocados against cell phone masts Quilmes, Lanus, Claypole, Don Bosco, Florencio Varela, Wilde, Avellaneda, among others.