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Re Inquiry Into Infrastructure Provision in Coastal Growth Areas

I would like to address some of the issues relating to basic infrastructure under Item 2. of the Inquiry.

The coastal village of Harrington's population has doubled in the last two years due to the Roche development at Harrington Waters Estate.

- (a) This increase in population has meant longer waiting times to visit the already 'stretched' medical and dental services available in our closest city centre of Taree.
- (b) Police and Ambulance services need to be adjusted to allow for the increase in population. An increase in both these services is badly needed in our area.
- (c) The main road to Harrington from the Pacific Highway now has twice the volume of traffic, not including trucks constantly using the road to deliver building supplies to the new development. This road needs upgrading.
- (d) Our village needs a multi function centre where a branch library service and CTC can be located. A room could be available for visiting consultants and space available for community organisations' meetings and youth activities.
- (e) Services are available at Taree, however, with the high cost of petrol and virtually no bus service, these facilities are needed here now the population has increased.

In conclusion, more resources need to be allocated to coastal growth areas when considering budget distribution to make it a fairer system for all. I appreciate being given the opportunity to participate in this Inquiry.

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