



INQUIRY INTO PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADES

TERMS OF REFERENCE

That the General Purpose Standing Committee No 4 inquire into and report on the impact of the proposed upgrades of the Pacific Highway between:

- 1) Ewingsdale and Tintenbar, with particular regard to the following issues:
 - a) Reasons for expanding the highway upgrade study area on the St Helena to Tintenbar section;
 - b) The level of upgrade proposed for this section and the remainder of the Pacific Highway;
 - c) The impact of the highway upgrade on prime agricultural land;
 - d) The potential impact of the upgraded highway on prime agricultural land in the expanded study area;
 - e) The impacts of B-doubles on the Pacific Highway;
 - f) The impacts of interstate heavy transport on the Pacific Highway and of the mixing of interstate and local transport;
 - g) The impacts of interstate truck transport on the New England Highway;
 - h) The significance of the New England Highway as a designated national transport route;
 - i) Existing or proposed strategic transport plans that seek to deal with the forecast doubling by 2025 of the NSW freight task;
 - j) The significance of statements by the Minister for Infrastructure Planning and Natural Resources that the Pacific Highway is dedicated as a regional road; and
- 2) Ballina and Woodburn, with particular regard to the following issues:
 - a) Impact on prime agricultural land;
 - b) Impact on flooding in the mid-Richmond area;
 - c) Impact on communities at Broadwater and Woodburn; and
- 3) Any other related matters

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