

INQUIRY INTO PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADES

Organisation:

Name: Mrs Margaret Gannon

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Subject: Video (duration: 18 mins and 25 secs).

Summary

"The aim of this video is to show you, the Legislative Council Members, that this area is amazingly unique and beautiful and should not be touched by the RTA's super highway. The highway should remain where it belongs, on the highway and that to be upgraded" (Margaret Gannon).

She asks why the study conducted in 1999 has been scrapped and broadened to its current extent without consultation and if the presence of B-doubles of the highway has pushed this scrapping of the 1999 plan.

The video includes footage of:

- The current location of the highway from her veranda- it is currently 6kms from her house.
- The view from her veranda of the surrounding rural areas.
- Maps of the Tintenbar- Ewingsdale study area.
- Photos of the aerial view of her house, farm and dam.
- Her and her husband's 3000 tree certified organic coffee plantation and the equipment they use to harvest and process it. They sell their coffee at local markets. She says there is red volcanic soil in the area allowing huge potential for growing more crops. She argues that the whole property could be under coffee plantation but that the highway upgrade would prevent that if it goes through their dam.
- The dam which they built on their property and which has attracted a variety of wildlife to the area. They have stocked it with native fish and have built a rainforest surrounding it, which is filled with native wildlife.

One of the proposed routes goes directly through this dam. This dam provides water for their house, coffee trees and cattle.

- The parts of their property that the RTA study area covers.

Members are advised that a copy is available on request.