

## INQUIRY INTO PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADES

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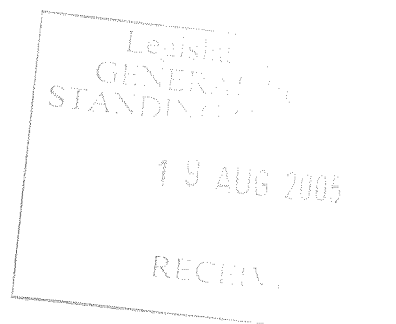
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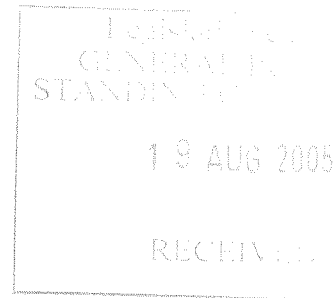
ATTN: Mr Steven Reynolds

I have attached my submission re the Pacific Hwy update for your attention.

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August 17 2005

The Secretary  
General Purpose Standing Committee NO 4  
Pacific Highway Upgrades Inquiry  
NSW Legislative Council  
Parliament House  
Macquarie Street  
Sydney NSW 2000

**Inquiry – Pacific Highway Upgrade.....Ewingsdale to Tintenbar Upgrade**

Dear Sir/Madam

As a resident of 25 years and owner of a 16 hectare property on the Far North Coast Region of NSW, I take this opportunity to make this submission re the above-mentioned Upgrade, and present the following for your attention and consideration.

1. Our village of Newrybar, 4kms south of Bangalow, is primarily an agricultural area, producing a vast variety of produce for local, urban, inter-state, and export markets. The rich red volcanic soils, high rainfall and sub-tropical climate provide perfect and ideal conditions for numerous produce, which I list some of the main ones for your awareness.

**FRUIT/NUTS:**

Macadamias  
Pecans  
Coffee  
Stone fruit  
Bananas  
Passionfruit  
Mangoes  
Avocados  
Guavas  
Pineapples  
Blueberries  
Lychees  
Kiwifruit  
Citrus

**VEGETABLES:**

potatoes  
sweet potatoes  
sweet corn  
zucchini  
beans  
snow peas  
peas  
tomatoes  
pumpkins  
lettuce

**OTHER:**

lemon myrtle  
palms  
herbs  
hay  
beef cattle  
dairy cattle

2. Many folk have their superannuation tied to their farms as most settled in this area some 25 to 30 years ago, well before compulsory contributions were adopted.

3. When much of our state was drought declared, this area of the Far North Coast was unaffected and enjoyed lush growing conditions due to the abundance of water from the good rains that prevail in this coastal climate.

4. This Northern Rivers area of NSW is aptly named as the abundance of rivers, creeks, waterholes, springs etc, are subjected to flooding after heavy rainfall. Recently, the heavy rainfall of July end brought all transport on the Pacific Hwy north of Ballina to a standstill for some 48 hours due to road closures between Ballina and Tyagarah.

5. Newrybar enjoys a strong and supportive community with numerous social events and varied activities. Our local Community Hall holds 'Old Time' Dance Evenings, which are very popular and much enjoyed.

One of the lovely aspects of this community is the sincere and genuine interest displayed by the folk during harvest times when everyone helps each other when the need arises. This provides much seasonal work for both locals and visitors alike. Some farms provide work up to six months of the year which is very welcomed.

6. Over the past decade, increasing numbers of retirees have settled on the Far North Coast, taking advantage of the natural and scenic beauty of the area, its stunning beaches, ideal climate and availability of fresh locally grown produce.

7. Another aspect of our area's value is the influx of tourists coming to view, not only the beauty of the coastal surrounds, but to enjoy all the delights that the area offers.

8. A future asset for this region is the possibility of vegetable oil usage as an alternative for diesel fuel. Here Macadamia oil would be of great significance. Presently, Australia is the largest producer of Macadamia oil and its current uses is extensive. The loss of any quantity of well established trees would be tragic.

In view of the considerations shared above, it is so evident that this district is by far one of the most beautiful, most productive and most popular areas in our state, and indeed in our nation. The impact of a major highway routed through such a high density populated area with prime producing agricultural red soils and natural beauty is tragic, and the loss of valuable food sources, detrimental and beyond human comprehension.

In closing, I make mention of an observation whilst motoring in North Queensland recently. The two lane Bruce Highway, routed over flat terrain of low population density, enabled smooth, economical and safe motoring, constantly maintaining the state speed of 110kms. The absence of heavy vehicles made the travel safe and a delight, as the adjacent railway serviced the state with freight haulage, evidence of good foresight and good planning. Can we be so fortunate to have a major highway proposed with similar conditions with local and tourist traffic separate from heavy through transport?

Thanking you for this opportunity to share my concerns on this subject.

Yours sincerely

Carol A Will.