

**Submission
No 178**

INQUIRY INTO PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADES

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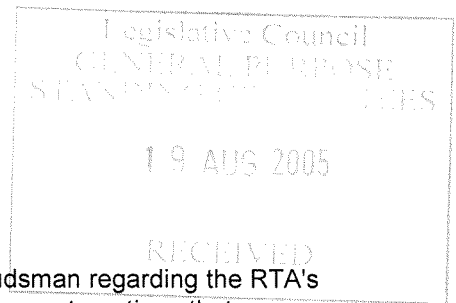
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Subject:

Summary



By way of my submission, I attach a complaint I made to the NSW Ombudsman regarding the RTA's conduct in extending the study area for the T2E upgrade and investigating route options that are inconsistent with previously finalised and publicised route plans in the area.

The complaint raises serious issues of public administration that are relevant to the Inquiry including:

1. The RTA's apparent willingness to depart from approved and publicly notified plans, without adequate reason.
2. The need for local councils, businesses and the general community to be able to have a reasonable degree of certainty in planning their affairs in areas potentially affected by RTA planning.
3. The uncompensated loss suffered by persons who reasonably rely on RTA advice, where the RTA subsequently changes its position