

Submission
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INQUIRY INTO PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADES: COFFS HARBOUR

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Subject:

Summary

Mr. J. Rossi

27th October 2005.

The Director,

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4.

Dear Sir / Madam,

I wish to bring to your attention the impact on prime agricultural land, by the inner corridors proposed for Boffs Harbour and Woolgoolga. These lands are mainly used for growing Bananas but also grow Avocados and Blueberries.

I will enclose letters I have written to Minister Ian Macdonald and also his replies. I will also enclose estimated impact on Banana lands made by Connell Wagner for R.T.A.

If you add the HA impacted by the R.T.A chosen corridor for Boffs Harbour it is 278.4 HA, which would be at least 60% of Bananas grown in Boffs Harbour basin, no definite figures are available for Woolgoolga because I believe a definite route has not been selected for this area, although Connell Wagner has estimated minimum area to be 285 HA, maximum area 429 HA affected. This would devastate Woolgoolga Banana growing area.

The Banana lands in Boffs Harbour basin and Woolgoolga should be protected for future generations who wish to grow Bananas, as there are no other suitable lands available in N.S.W.

The R.T.A have the option of upgrading existing highway or putting a proper bypass west of coastal range, instead of running agricultural land.

Yours faithfully,
J. Rossi.