

INQUIRY INTO PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADES: COFFS HARBOUR

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Subject:

Summary

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Without malice or prejudice.

Eddie Kendell

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Briefly; living on the dreaded highway for seven years prior to 1996, we witnessed many close calls adjacent to our home in Tyndale. The roadway narrowed from two opposing overtaking lanes and there were a number of accidents including at least one fatality right near our home! Nearby, our own granddaughter had her vehicle rear-ended in 1994 as she waited to make a right hand turn off the highway into Byron's Lane, receiving back injuries which still come against her now that she is a mother of four.

Any driver using the highway can quote many occasions when they have had a scare and a close shave, particularly now that we share the road with such giant juggernauts! Most of the contents of these vehicles should be rail freight but our State Government have let the rail infrastructure run down.

What is needed is a Government of vision who can look at all these services running down and put them right by forward thinking but not include in their ministry fools that speak before investigating their facts and who then goad other members beyond reasonable tolerance by their inane comments! Establishing an Authority similar to the Snowy River Scheme for road construction, could be a start.

It appears that Michael Costa himself is a product of this present State Government's failing policies! He obviously cannot read, I have lost count of how many times I wrote to the person. He cannot write, I received no replies from any of those letters! Now it is also obvious that he cannot count, that is why he has been installed into Finance!

When Michael Costa was Minister for Transport and claimed that Rail services should not be a burden on Tax-Payers, I tried to point out to him that there are many services which will never make a profit. Including Health, Education. Transport etc. and last but certainly not least of all the Government itself! The cost of all these services are factored into the Taxation system.

When in the Coal Mines, we would refer to the fitters employed there as "Errol Flynn", he had a reputation of fixing his leading ladies the same way our fitters worked on machinery! This Government is doing the same to this State so

effectively that it is hard to separate the Pacific Highway from the Rail System, remembering the Transport Minister condemned many of our rail patrons into sharing this very unsafe road!

As an aside; the time the National Department of Parks and Wildlife took to have the Pine Creek Rest Area restored, bordered on criminal neglect, with their total disregard for human life! They have an obligation to constantly maintain that area as a safety measure on an unsafe road! But then who could really blame them? The apathy displayed by the RTA and the State Government to the road and the cost in lost lives by all this neglect just goes on and on and.....

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eddie Kendall". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely".