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INQUIRY INTO PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADES: COFFS HARBOUR

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Summary

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Dear Director,

I am writing in regards to the inquiry into the Pacific Highway, specifically between Coffs Harbour and Woolgoolga.

On March 21st this year I lost my best friend of 15 years, Tyne Nicholson.

As you may already know, Tyne was driving home from work when she had a head-on collision with a truck at Moonee and was killed instantly.

Although I don't know all the facts of the accident, I know that if the highway were a dual-carriage way, this may not have happened, but as it is not, I have to spend the rest of my life without my dearest friend, who lost her life at the age of 19.

As November 21st draws nearer, it will mark 7 very long months since Tyne was taken from this world, and all her family and friends still live with the pain of that tragic day when we lost a beautiful person, who was a friend, daughter, sister, cousin, niece, granddaughter, partner and loyal companion and confidant. She will never be replaced.

Being a local resident of Woolgoolga, I

travel to Coffs Harbour quite often and travelling on the Pacific Highway has become a fear instead of a routine drive that I have made a hundred times before.

I am willing to fight and do what it takes to get the Pacific Highway upgraded not only for Tyne, but for all the families and friends who have also lost loved ones on this stretch of road.

The highway needs to be fixed. It is not only the local people who use it, but travellers as well. What is the point of a highway that is used by millions of people every year, if even the locals don't feel safe using it?

Politicians need to stand up and listen to our pleas. It is not them that have to use this road, it's us!

Stop wasting time and money and help us keep our community and tourists safe. Not only for the people now, but for our future generations.

I commend Andrew Fraser for his help in trying to make politicians listen and get our roads fixed. We pay our taxes, now we want something back. Fix our roads, PLEASE! Before another life is lost!

Yours Sincerely

Joren Redwood

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