

**Submission  
No 220**

**INQUIRY INTO THE CLOSURE OF CASINO TO  
MURWILLUMBAH RAIL SERVICES**

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**Subject**

**Summary**

# Submission to Inquiry: Closure of Casino to Murwillumbah Rail Services.

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As the Coordinator of a Youth Transport Service in the Byron Shire I am writing to OPPOSE the closure of the Casino to Murwillumbah Train Service. The Far North Coast Region is one of the most rapidly growing areas in NSW and it is important for our planning to maintain our transport infrastructure. I know through my work that there is a high need for a variety of transport services and that an increase in rail services in our area is more appropriate than closure. I understand that it is proposed that bus services will take up the service. It is imperative that these buses have disabled access. If the decision is to close this rail link, I urge you not to lose our infrastructure and that the tracks remain in tact, so that this decision is not irreversible. In the event of closure I would recommend that the train tracks remain as a transport link in and from our Shire and that they be converted to a nonmotorised transport track for bikes, horses and pedestrians similar to the project in South Australia turning train tracks into community tracks.