

## INQUIRY INTO PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADES

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## **ATTACHMENT**

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General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4  
Parliament House  
Macquarie Street  
Sydney, NSW, 2000

**Submitted By:**

**Col Dorey**

Since my statement and evidence before your committee in Sydney on the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2005 the R.T.A. have released the short list of four options for the Tintenbar to Ewingsdale Pacific Highway upgrade.

Two options A and B stay on the escarpment, options C and D are to the east through Newrybar Swamp in the extended study area.

Options A and B both utilise the gazetted Ballina By Pass with option A-A1 then generally following the existing highway corridor, utilising the 9A zoned land as well as the completed dual carriageway of Bangalow By Pass.

Both the C and D route options renege on the gazetted Ballina By Pass northern end at Tintenbar Hill. This reneging paves the way for eastern routes to go through property that until 8 months ago were not even in the study area.

The effects the two eastern routes C and D have on the Dorey farms are:

OPTION C cuts through a small amount of Dorey land on the edge of the escarpment demolishing one farm dwelling and severing one other and three future sites from their 5 respective farms.

OPTION D is a disaster agriculturally and farm viability wise with 8 out of 9 farms in the extended study area effected, with 5 of these farms being cut diagonally by the 250 metre wide corridor for a length of 2500 metres directly destroying 150 acres. The option D route will not only destroy 150 acres directly but many more acres adjacent because of the diagonal route that is taken.

Most of option D is through where we have producing macadamia trees and were relying on financially to complete our diversification from sugar cane. The remaining area affected is the sites already prepared for planting for 12,000 macadamia seedlings currently in our nursery and to be planted April 2006, two months before a final route is announced.

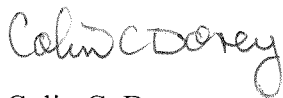
Many other issues as a result of option D will affect the viability and our future of farming in Newrybar Swamp. The splitting of wildlife corridors will be a disaster to our integrated pest management and farm biodiversity, the flooding and water table altered by embankments and loading as just two examples.

For the R.T.A. to consider options C and D in Newrybar Swamp they have ignored the Northern Rivers Farmland Protection Policy, ignored advice on dense fogs, flooding, soft soils and environmental issues.

We have done our long term planning, the R.T.A. have reneged on theirs. We pay the penalty by being forced out of farming in Newrybar Swamp.

IT IS NOT RIGHT.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Colin C. Dorey'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Colin C. Dorey

On behalf of T.W. DOREY & SONS