

INQUIRY INTO PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADES

Organisation: Bangalow Community Alliance

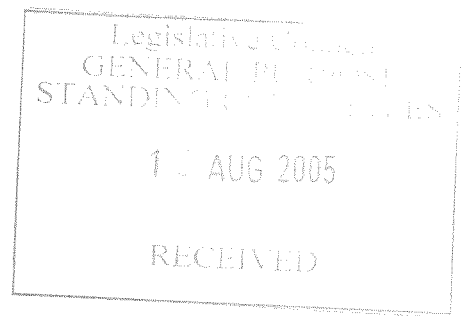
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Summary



The Bangalow Community Alliance (BCA), was started in Aug 2000 by residents of the town and hinterland of Bangalow, NSW, to "speak with a single voice representing a range of community interests when communicating and negotiating with local, state and federal governments and private commercial interests on matters affecting Bangalow".

We have held 14 community forums on matters of concern to our residents. Three related to the proposed Tintenbar-Ewingsdale upgrade of the Pacific Highway.

The aim of the BCA forums is to elicit what is common to the diverse points of view represented at the forums we hold. They are always professionally facilitated, and every effort is made to maintain a civil atmosphere. Speakers representing all sides of a question are invited to speak for a short time from their perspective, then questions and answers follow. Key points are recorded by the facilitator, and reported afterwards in the local monthly paper, Bangalow's Heartbeat.

Attached please find copies of articles the BCA submitted for publication to Bangalow's Heartbeat after two of these forums. In essence, safety, noise and pollution were the prime concerns of residents.