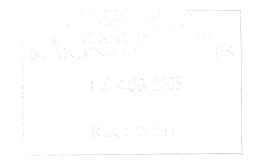
INQUIRY INTO PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADES

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PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE INQUIRY

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4



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The Hon. Jennifer Ann Gardiner, MLC Parliament House,
Macquarie Street,
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Ms Gardiner,

I am writing about the abovementioned upgrade of the Pacific Highway T2E. The upgrade concerns me and all residents of Newrybar and Byron Shire as we are now in the "extended study area" for the upgrade.

Personally I have just completed a "property settlement" with an ex defacto partner and due to property values in the area he was awarded an amount of \$500,000.00 to be paid by me even though his contributions were low. Weeks later the "extended study area" was announced. My neighbours and I were very concerned as property values would be greatly affected and if we wanted to move on with our lives we would be stuck in a situation of how long it would take to complete the highway and the decisions we would have to make for our future.

The consultation process, as it currently stands is totally unnecessary for the following reasons:

- 1. South of the T2E –the Ballina Bypass has already been approved.
- 2. North St Helena/Ewingsdale upgrade has been approved.
- 3. Land has already been acquired in the Ballina Bypass area.
- 4. The Northern Section of the T2E has been approved and Zoned 9A for the highway this is where the highway should go; people have purchased property in this area knowing of the highway zoning and paid the price for their properties considering that.

5. The Bangalow Bypass, part of the T2E has already been built at a cost of 19 million.

Please put a stop to the investigations for the T2E on the "extended study area" as it is costly to the tax payers, it would ruin the lives of so many people (a highway on the coast fringes of Byron Bay); we are the voices of the people who must be heard for we are Australia.

Yours Sincerely,

Christine Fenech