

**Submission  
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## **INQUIRY INTO PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADES**

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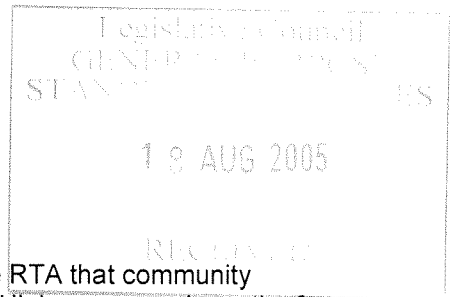
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**Subject:**

**Summary**



I wish to object in the strongest possible terms the demand by the RTA that community groups involved be sworn to secrecy on matters pertaining to the Highway upgrade on the far North Coast. This move smacks of Russia in the time of Lenin, and does nothing to enhance the democratic process. It does however show most graphically the underhanded methods the RTA will resort to in an effort to bully residents into whatever direction they wish to inflict upon this region. Highway construction is of huge consequence to those involved and must be as transparent as our democratic processes allow. The RTA must desist in these Bully Boy tactics and get back to discussing openly with the community all the available options. To persist will only create more distrust of a government body already seen as wildly out of touch with the community it is supposed to serve.