

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADES: COFFS HARBOUR

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Subject:

Summary

Having lived and ran a business at 44 Bellingen Rd Coffs Harbour (Premier Motor Inn) since July 2001 I can attest with absolute authority to the negative impact of the increasingly dangerous and noisy volume of heavy traffic on the highway through Coffs Harbour. The heavy vehicles are also effecting our business turnover with noise levels inceasing to such a degree that guests in some of the rooms have vowed never to stay again despite being conyent with the room itself. The impact on myself and myself is emotional as well ,with the screeching of brakes ,the indiscriminate use of exhaust brakes , and the ever present threat of a multiple fatality on the nearby Combine St traffic lights because of the flagrant running of red lights by a reasonable proportion of truckies -particularly in the early hours of the morning . We need an A class Coffs Harbour asap and heavy freight moved back onto the Newell and New England Highways (this could be easily achieved by the installation of numerous red light cameras through Coffs along with a 24 hour heavy vehicle weighing station on the outskirts of Coffs-all would help defray any time advantages the trucks perceive that the current route has).If the extremely heavy truck use of the road could be achieved in the short term it would give the community and the gov. breathing space to determine the best alternate highway route.