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Dear Ms Gardiner

My name is Dolores (Kilpin).

I live with my family in Newrybar centre of the study area for the proposed upgrade of the Pacific Hwy. Along with all the concerned residents in this 12 km stretch (from Tintenbar to Ewingsdale) we're attempting to halt the wheels of progress rolling through our properties by keeping the highway on the highway. The residents in this whole affected area are like scared rabbits caught motionless in the glare of the hunter's rifle at the possibility of a major freeway running through our backyards and through this gorgeous countryside.

In Australia the majority of the population lives on the coast - and the Northern Rivers area of NSW is one of the fastest growing regions in Australia as well as a world renowned tourist destination. Add to that the rarity of the rich volcanic soil and it is surely insanity to carve up this gorgeous countryside for a superhighway. Not to mention the blending of freight, local and tourist traffic a sure killer....

I've copied a couple of quotes from my research below:

<http://www.dhushara.com/book/diversit/extra/aust.htm>

"AUSTRALIA is heading for extinction. The world's driest habitable continent, already groaning under the weight of its existing population, is exhausting its soils and may well go the way of Easter Island-where civilisation descended into anarchy and eventually collapsed. That is the prognosis of several prominent scientists speaking at the ANZAAS meeting in Canberra last week. According to Barney Foran, of the Division of Wildlife and Ecology of the CSIRO, Australia's national research organisation, the current population of 18-3 million is already close to consuming all the continent's lifesustaining resources.

"Australia is very, very short of good soils. We're an old weathered continent", says Foran

"Productive volcanic soils are invariably highly paramagnetic. This phenomenon is characterised by the capacity of these soils to intercept electromagnetic energy (usually derived from lightening) and to store, transform and transmit this energy to surrounding plants and micro-organisms." (<http://www.nutri-tech.com.au/products/energydevices/pcsm.htm>)

Although rainforests cover only about 0.3 % of Australia, they contain about half of all Australian plant families and about a third of Australia's mammal and bird species. The people in this area are generally very environmentally aware and involved in regenerating rainforests and clean-green agriculture.

Please consider our plight and keep the highway on the highway

Regards
Dolores (& family)