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INQUIRY INTO PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADES: COFFS HARBOUR

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Summary

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The Director
General Purpose Standing Committee No 4
Legislative Council Parliament House
Macquarie St Sydney

Dear Sir

The following are the reasons why we object so strongly to the RTA's decision to accept Option E Bypass for the Pacific Highway - Sapphire to Woolgoolga

1. As I sit here in the peace and solitude of our rural property I live in dread of the proposed construction of Option E as it will be situated 250m from our house.

Our property will be adversely affected by this construction. When we moved here in 1977 little did we realise that our lifestyle was going to be shattered

The pollution of both noise and air will be horrific. Just last night I could clearly hear the traffic- Trucks and B-Doubles as they travelled on the present Highway -2km away We live on the side of the hill, facing the NE with views to the Pacific Ocean and therefore overlook this proposed bypass. It is obvious no sound buffers can be built to protect us from noise and we didn't come to the North Coast to live behind double-glazing, in air conditioning.

Our water supply comes off our roof and we are most concerned about the diesel and other toxins that will contaminate it- (we are above the reservoir that provide water to this area)

2. We live in fear of driving to and from Coffs Harbour – our regional centre, because of the number of Trucks and B-Doubles that daily continue to increase because of the opening of the Chinderah Expressway—many of these drivers are “cowboys” who intimidate drivers with their speed and size and cause so many accidents. Entering and leaving the Highway is fraught with danger. The federally funded New England Highway was built for these massive transports. The Government could regulate them so that they would not use this particular part of the Highway

3. This beautiful piece of coastline between the mountains (hills) and the sea will be destroyed by the massive construction required to build this Option E Bypass. Also how many years will this serve the traffic needs of this community before a new highway will have to be constructed using **Option A/ the community's choice. The people's choice. -our choice..**

Plan for it now and scrap this socially,environmentally and financially damaging Option E

Yours Sincerely

Kay & Kurt Froehling

