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INQUIRY INTO PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADES

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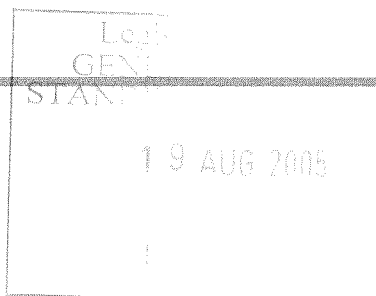
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Pacific Highway Upgrade Inquiry
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The Hon. Jennifer Anne Gardiner, MLC

We strongly oppose the coastal route option for the Pacific Highway Upgrade between Tintenbar and Ewingsdale. We have lived on the ridge above Midgen flat for the last 20 years enjoying every aspect of this very precious environment. This route would cause enormous destruction to the coastal escarpment and to the threatened species of flora and fauna as well as the lives of those who live here. The agricultural land that has existed along the flat for many years would also be destroyed. The proposed area is also a flood plain. The existing highway should be looked upon as the least destructive route as this highway already occupies a large amount of land. We believe the expansion of the study area to include the coastal flats was bought about by a vocal minority group of people residing on the highway. These people possibly live with expectation of future highway expansion and are familiar with living close to the existing highway, therefore upgrading the Pacific Highway in the existing highway corridor would not have such a severe impact on their lifestyle. We strongly oppose the expansion of the highway study area to the East. The Pacific Highway is becoming hazardous with increasing numbers of freight traffic. We believe the Government should be looking at alternative routes such as the New England Highway or further the use of rail for freight transport instead of upgrading the highway as the major freight traffic route.

Yours sincerely

Claire and Steve Bedford