

INQUIRY INTO PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADES

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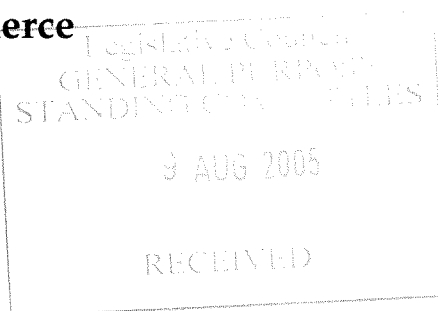
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Bangalow
Chamber of Commerce

The Inquiry Chair,
Jenny Gardiner
GPSC 4
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000



Attention: Ms Gardiner,

Re: Parliamentary Inquiry into the proposed Tintenbar to Ewingsdale Pacific Highway Upgrade

As a resident/business owner of Bangalow, this community is very concerned about an upgrade of the existing Pacific Highway along its current corridor.

It is recognized and acknowledged by the Government that there has been an increase in heavy vehicle volumes since the opening of the Yelgun to Chinderah project and the opening of the Pacific Highway by NSW to B-double trucks. It is of considerable concern that projected major road freight traffic on the east coast will increase 250% over the next 15 years.

The community in and around Bangalow already suffers from increased truck and traffic noise and diesel particle pollution.

It is difficult to see how an upgrade of the proposed magnitude along the current alignment could be tolerated without major social, environmental and economic effects on the community.

We need another Yelgun to Chinderah solution for heavy vehicles, with a limited upgrade to the current road, which should be left for local and tourist traffic.

Thus, we very much welcome and support any RTA option for a new Pacific Highway route well east, and away from the existing corridor.

Yours sincerely,

Aileen Cole
on behalf of the Bangalow Chamber of Commerce
28 July 2005