

INQUIRY INTO PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADES

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Subject:

Summary



I wish to lodge my objection to the replacement or re-routing of the existing Pacific Highway from Ewingsdale to Titenbar.

I support the improvement of the existing Pacific Highway route only.

I do not support the use of the Pacific Highway as a primary freight route between Sydney and Brisbane for heavy transport vehicles.

I support an alternate Western route as a main freight corridor between Sydney and Brisbane.

My concerns are as follows:

Loss of prime agricultural land, and damage to important waterways.

Loss of flora and fauna, some of which are endangered.

Loss of amenity and lifestyle for residents due to increased noise and pollution from heavy vehicles.

Danger from heavy vehicles on fast moving free-ways concerns me, as well as accidents caused by long stretches of straight roads, where drivers become "hypnotised". These long stretches of wide road have been proven to cause accidents.

following research in the U.S.A.

The Pacific highway should be a safe route for people to travel along the Eastern coast and carry a lighter freight load.

I support putting more freight back onto the rail system, which is currently under-utilised.