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INQUIRY INTO PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADES

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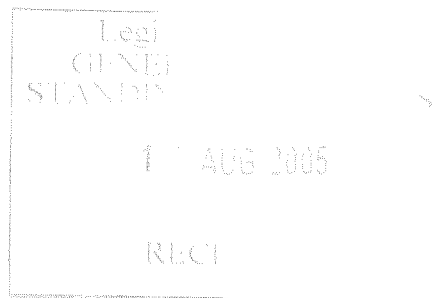
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Summary



i only found out about the proposed highway upgrade today. This proposal has a high impact on the life of myself and many i know, not to mention the delicate ecology of this particular landscape. The proposal through Midgen flat or Watsons Lane is one that is destructive ,costly, unnecessary as well as extremely damaging to the environment. It would interfere with much wildlife that resides in this area , a few of these being endangered species such as the blue wren, an icon of this district, as well as a variety of snakes and lizards who ultimately are some of the worst hit on roads and highways. the development along midgen is placed to run through a flood plane, a natural process that should not be disrupted for agricultural and environmental purposes. the small tributaries and streams that are activated during rain periods feed small patches of fragile rain forest and bushland vital to the ecology of the land. Due to clearing in the past the still remaining native vegetation is densely populated with native flora and fauna, these area's are vital for bio diversity and sustaining and already dwindling environment. Area's such as this(Mid gen Flat, Watsons Lane etc) are a delicate balance not to be disrupted. I am currently compiling a list of the endangered species living on the land and surrounding areas and will forward this on completion. These area's are sensitive to change and the proposed development would have major negative ramifications across the board. The development would also cause great damage to farming lands and livestock areas causing an economic loss that would become a responsibility. The proposed development will visually scar the land, the scenery being one of the main attributes of the area. The proposal through midgen flat or Watsons lane will vastly diminish the lifestyle, comfort and beauty of an old community. Through at least two of the properties the development passes through there are old stone walls built in the early settlement of the land , on examining parts of these , old crockery and possessions were found that have yet to be researched further. I grew up in one of the houses on the ridge one of the proposals run through. Not only have i come to know the land and all it's subtle beauties, whether that be the Flora and Fauna to the life style, i also know the damage this proposal will cause. I would love to take you for a day and show you the beauty i know and love. It would break my heart to see this go ahead, for me and my family and all those i know through this community. Some i know will not have contacted you. Such as the Hambly's who's family and self sustaining farm have been there for over 80 years. The extension of the existing highway will have much less of an impact whether that be to community lifestyle or the environment. the people and wildlife of the area have grown accustomed to the existing highway. Why the current highway is not being widened yet alone utilised i am yet to understand. No real logical explanation has been provided. The impact of the initial proposal is minor in comparison and it is only due to a vocal minority that the alternative routs have been devised. Living on the land nearly all my life i can see that which is logical and cost affective as opposed to that which is not, the initial proposal causes less damage in all aspects of the development and it's ramifications. I implore you to dissolve plans through midgen flat and Watsons lane. Please demonstrate that the government and associates has an awareness of the environment and people within the equation of progress.

Thank you.

Ms Carly Rose Bedford.