

INQUIRY INTO PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADES

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Summary

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Sandra Shepherd - Geoff Whitehous

Re: Pacific Highway Upgrade
WOODBURN TO BALLINA.

To Whom it may concern.

We would like to express our concern & dismay over route options for the Woodburn to Ballina Section of the Highway upgrade. This is obviously a move to build a super highway - Motorway mainly for the trucking industry & does not belong on the East Coast of Australia.

- Section 2E is our major concern as it affects our property, cutting a portion of our property at the rear & continuing alongside it. We are town residents of Broadwater & are concerned by the push from other residents, particularly on the western side of the river (Options 2A, 2B) to have it go on the eastern side with a proposed route by these residents & the Cane Farmers of the area going through the National Park (East near the beach) & also cutting through our property

at the rear.

Broadwater residents have had to endure noise & pollution from both the existing highway - the Broadwater Sugar Mill for many years - to move it a stone's throw East is ridiculous.

- We believe some of the residents who are already on the existing highway believe that moving it East is OK as it won't be on their doorstep any more but they don't realise that our prevailing Easterly winds will bring the noise & pollution in their direction anyway, mega motorway on the East - Sugar mill noise & pollution on our Western side, Hence, Broadwater residents sandwiched in the middle.
- When we purchased our property 5 years ago we were looking for a retreat (as we live on ~~1~~ 1.5 acres) with wildlife & some relative peace & quiet. We accepted the fact that there was a Sugar mill in town but found our own piece of paradise hidden by Cooks Hill (option 2E goes east of this). Our wildlife needs protecting as it provides the corridor for them to The Tuckean. Wallabies, black cockatoos, bush turkeys, abundance of native birds, rare pygmy perch are only a handful of the animals in our area.
- Flannel flowers, native orchids, Large Heath Nectar (melichrus Adpressus) & Pine Heath (Astroloma pinifolium) are all existing in our area & on our property.
- We have sighted & National Parks - Wildlife have taken photos & investigated Aboriginal significance

on the land where 2 E motorway would go adjacent to our property. We also have a concern for our water supply to our windmill should the water table be tampered with in that area.

- The Broadwater on the Clarence River is heritage listed - our "Broadwater" seems to be abused by all - sundry.
- Another point is that at 50 years of age I will be getting a drivers license finally - don't feel it is fair for P platers to have to drive on a motorway while getting experience.

In conclusion we are hoping that the RTA - involved party's are not going to be bullied by the Cone Farmers of the area - short sighted locals who are lobbying for this highway to go East of Cooks Hill - particularly thru National Park to the East. If the motorway is to bypass Broadwater township then perhaps someone will realise we are also part of town - it shouldn't be going thru our backyard.

We are extremely upset about the secrecy, insighting - & devious means being used with CLG ~~as~~ members forming community groups for their own interests. Send this motorway inland - west.

Yours Sincerely

Sandra Shepherd

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