

## INQUIRY INTO PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADES

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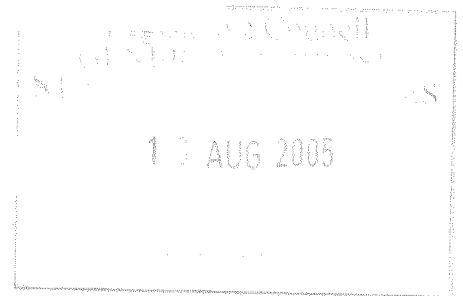
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Dear Sir,

I would like to voice my opinion in regard to the route options for the Woodburn to Ballina proposed upgrade. My name is Warren Lumley and for the past 66 years I have lived in my current residence and worked my farm on Wardell Road. Unfortunately Option 2A and 2B cut right through the middle of my properties including my actual home.

As you can imagine it will finish my rural activity (cattle farming) and destroy my home. These options also affect many of my neighbours. In my case it will take my water supply. My main water supply is a well in the middle of the proposed road. This water is used at the house as well as for stock watering. I realise the road must go through however I don't believe the soil type on my farm is suitable as it is very low and wet particularly on the south western side.

I am not going to discuss the native fauna other than to say that in my opinion it can be managed quite well. The koalas and the wallabies travel between the Blackwall Range and the heath country and a fence can be used in conjunction with an underpass to assist them to make their transition.

In my opinion Option 2D would be the best option with the least impact on the native fauna by moving the road up on to the heath country. This option is not high value habitat even though they have deemed it "high value". You just have to see what's left after a bush fire cleans it out. There are thousands of hectares of heath country to accommodate the flora and

fauna once the road is put in and it is fenced off. In using the sand ridge (Option 2D) you would also eliminate the threat of flood.

There is another route that could be taken that doesn't seem to have been considered. If you deviate along option 2A before you get to Monties and go through their quarry and beside the Bagotville Road, then turn and come through the heath missing the house at the end of Lumleys Lane through to Pimlico Road. It is all high country and all solid ground.

Another road beside Bagotville Road would not affect the environment or the fauna because most of it hardly exists there because the local dogs have killed all the koalas and wallabies and the 'cane toads' have cleaned up all the frogs. By using this suggestion as an option you would not interfere with agriculture either.

I am prepared to discuss any of my opinions and ideas with you and sincerely hope that a sensible and common sense option will be chosen. I know the angst and worry this is causing my family and me so I would urge you to get on with the job so that we all know where we stand.

Yours Sincerely

Warren Lumley