

INQUIRY INTO PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADES

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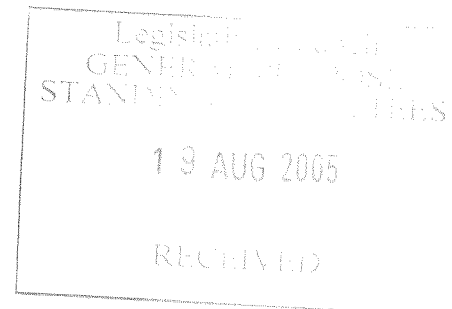
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Mrs B A Brown -- (on behalf of Save Our Sapphire Action Group S.O.S.)

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**Submission Relating To Pacific Highway Upgrade
Sapphire -- Woolgoolga**

This submission (under Terms of Reference item 3) relating to the Pacific Highway upgrades between Sapphire and Woolgoolga is made to the Pacific Highway Upgrades Inquiry being conducted by the General Purpose Standing Committee No. 4 as this issue raises issues similar to a number of those to be examined in relation to the Ewingsdale -- Tintenbar and/ or Ballina/Woodburn upgrades.

I am a senior member of the public and I wish to bring to the attention of the Committee my concerns regarding the impacts of interstate heavy transport on the Pacific Highway in particular the mixing of interstate and local traffic.

Local residents, young and the elderly alike are terrified to travel on the road where they must compete with huge trucks, especially the B-doubles now using the highway in our area. We have no other road to use to do our grocery shopping and parents are terrified to let their P plate teenagers go out at night time to visit their friends.

This year April 2nd at 7.15 am my husbands quick action saved him from being yet another victim of a truck driver going to sleep at the wheel.

We reside at Sapphire on the western side of the highway and my husband usually buys the Saturday papers from the only shop here which is on the eastern side of the highway.

As was his usual habit my husband was on the highway travelling north in the turn off lane in the center of the road intending to make a right hand turn. At that time an interstate furniture van driver who was also travelling north on the Pacific Highway behind him accelerated past on the right hand side which is the south bound lane. Fortunately no other vehicles were in the vicinity and my husband was able to take evasive action. At the same time the other driver quickly corrected his position and proceeded north.

My husband then followed the other driver a short distance and after flagging him down had a short conversation with him suggesting he stop and have a sleep. He obviously had had what Dr Karl calls a mini sleep.

In the interest of public safety our Government must invest in building a Motorway with facilities for long distant travellers.

Yours sincerely
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