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## **INQUIRY INTO PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADES**

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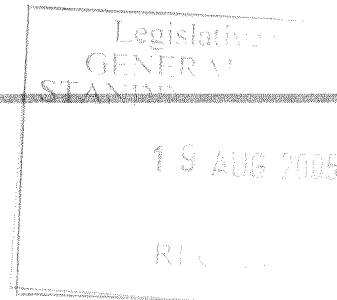
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We wish to lodge the following submission:

We are residents of central BANGALOW, living approximately 1 km from the current highway.

We strongly support the upgrade to be **away from the current route**, for two reasons:

\* **LOCAL TRAFFIC USE** would be much safer if the old highway is retained and can be used by local traffic. This would allow people using the large number of small roads, lanes and individual entrances currently entering this section of highway, to safely continue this. If the upgrade were to replace the existing route (as noisily advocated by people on other proposed routes) the dangerous mix of local, tourist and interstate vehicles will only worsen. This is a particular problem here due to the high proportion of retirees.

\* **NOISE.** The current highway is very noisy for most of Bangalow, particularly with excessive use of exhaust brakes by trucks. There will be many more people increasingly affected by this if the highway were upgraded on the current route. While a new route sadly must affect some people, it would be a lot less than retaining it right next to the largest town in the middle of this section.

The Yelgun to Chinderah section opened in 2002 is away from the old route, giving the above advantages, and is now welcomed by a vast majority of residents of that area.

Whatever the outcome, we also strongly support a reopening of rail services to the area, to reduce road pressures.

Sincerely,

Judy Baker and Brian Sundstrom