

INQUIRY INTO PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADES

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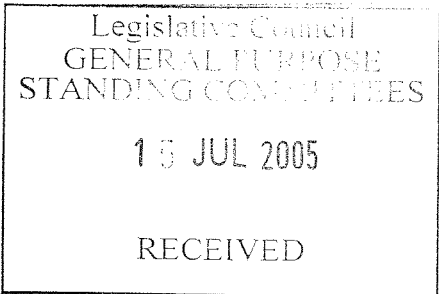
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For our children and the children of our children!

Let's take a pause and think of the consequences of our actions,
Are we able to think a little further than today and tomorrow?
Can we be in agreement and face our grand children with pride and joy for the decisions
we are about to make.

The Pacific Highway is the big issue of the day for most in the region.
I have to speak for my feelings and from my heart.

The Pacific Highway is in need of improvement:

- 1-for security and safety of its users
- 2-for the high volume always increasing of tourism and local farming and other industries
- 3-in limiting its access to heavy vehicles.
- 4- by not increasing its size beyond a double carriageway, and turning the only precious green land into a large 6 lanes freeway visible from space.

In a country like Australia and a state of great revenues like New South Wales, it is obvious more can be done.

I would suggest:

- 1- Double carriage Highway where the black spots have been identified, better flow of cars and truck without slowing the traffic.
- 2- During Holidays and week ends, limit the truck industry to the New England Highway
- 3- For the millions of people living near the Pacific highway on the coastline, **NO TRUCK ALLOWED FROM 8PM TO 6AM**. After all the reason we need all the goods transported is for a better living to accommodate all those things we cannot live without.
- 4- Does all the things we cannot live without, exclude **QUALITY OF LIFE**?
- 5- What about a good sound night of sleep.

Doctors warn us about sleep deprivation and other syndromes affecting our well being.
Why can't we see the big picture, is our government incapable to process more than one information at the time, may be the medical field should be involved too, don't we tax payer, have to pay for every one's medical after all (as well)?

- 6- It is primordial to upgrade the New England highway, as the first intention was, to insure faster traffic no round about with a speed limit of 120km/h after all our modern vehicles and yearly inspections provide enough security why not the way we build our roads.
- 7- The heavy vehicles are not the enemy, they are a necessity because of the lack of other solutions, i.e. better waterways and shipping industry, better railroad, better use of containers and their distribution, **ALL** of which could be organized away from populated area and future ones.

A lot is said about this dry country and how small the lush and green coastline is, how precious of a commodity it is for farming and tourism.
Who is in charge of RTA, show your face and speak for the people not for the machines.
Hundreds of thousands of acres of rich land are at risks if not considered properly.

The heavy road traffic belongs to the dry land or the sea.
If we must sacrifice something, let it be money not land.

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