

## INQUIRY INTO PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADES

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To whom it may concern,

Please find attached Ballina Environment Society's Submission on the Woodburn to Ballina Upgrade of the Pacific Highway.

Thank you.

Dr Lyn Walker,  
President.

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### Submission to the Parliament Inquiry on the Woodburn to Ballina Upgrade of the Pacific Highway

The Ballina Environment Society fully supports the Blackwall Highway Action Group's submission to the Parliament Inquiry

Their submission is professional and detailed. Their arguments are compelling.

The Ballina Environment Society supports the present Pacific Highway route as the most sensible choice.

If there is a significant reason why it has not been included we would appreciate the information about it.

It is clear that route 2C is the **least** suitable option on every count.

The main points that the Blackwall Highway Action Group submission has made about that route are worth reiterating. They are:

- ∞ Route 2C contains the largest areas of old growth forest in the Lower Richmond Valley
- ∞ Route 2C contains habitat for numerous threatened species and endangered ecological communities
- ∞ Route 2C contains the largest Koala populations in the region
- ∞ Route 2C will destroy rainforests, wetlands, heathlands, saltmarsh, swamp forest and a range of eucalypt forests

Route 2F is the preferred option if the present Pacific Highway is deemed unsuitable as it does not require the clearance of any native vegetation or any impacts upon biodiversity

Lyn Walker  
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