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INQUIRY INTO PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADES: COFFS HARBOUR

Organisation:

Name: Mr John Ledger

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Subject:

Summary

John Ledger.

Highway: Have your say.
Coffs Harbour Advocate 26.10.05

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are a community in East Boambee who either back onto the Pacific Highway or live adjacent to the Pacific Highway. That is the new section called Lyons Rd to Englands Rd Project. The state Government & R.T.A. have a policy of providing noise barriers for existing houses prior to the construction of any new Highway projects. This is not so in our community.

Oscar Ramsay Dr is an original farm house built approx 1930-35. which backed onto the old highway until just recently. There is no noise barrier at the rear of this house or even adjacent to the highway buffer zone.

Yet a letter from the minister for roads (dated 30.7.04) says the noise barrier is ~~is~~ only for residences that either existed or had building approval prior to the determination of the project's Environmental Impact statement. See photo copy of letter from the Minister for Roads & signed by Tony Stewart M.P.

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As the letter suggested, I should contact the R.T.A. Grafton office. After contacting the R.T.A. Grafton, I told them the original farm house

Oscar Ramsay Dr Boambee did not have noise barriers to shield them from the Highway noise. Then about ^{THE} 3 months of 2005 new windows & an aircondition was installed at Oscar Ramsay Dr. I believe the R.T.A. paid for these costs to save them from building a noise barrier along the Highway, & providing a bitumen surface to the now raked concrete surface.

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The second point i would like to draw your attention to is that the existing residence of Oscar Ramsay Dr say the original Highway was of a bitumen surface + did not emit hardly any noise prior to construction of The Lyons Rd to Englands Rd Project.

The new concrete road was to be of a bitumen surface which would have been more conjusive to the environment + would be more pleasing to our community. see photo copy highlight letter dated 12.9.2000. COPY 2

We can see the R.T.A. changed the original specification from bitumen or asphaltic surface to concrete which emits much more noise.

The concrete surface has been raked which amplify the tyre noise level.

We would like the R.T.A. to take action in the near future + surface the concrete with the new low noise bitumen that was used at Korora + Sapphire. see Advocate Wednesday may 5 2004, Our community believe that this is injustice + we would like action to take place regarding our claims.

Yours Faithfully
John Ledger.

for the East Boambee residence.