

INQUIRY INTO PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADES

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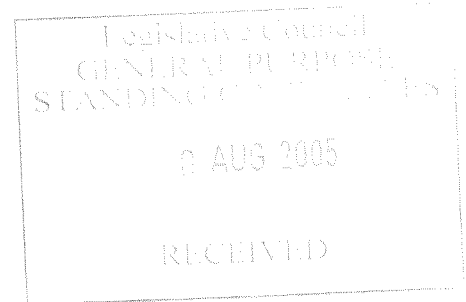
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The Inquiry Chair
Jenny Gardiner
GPSC 4
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000



Dear Ms Gardiner

Re: Parliamentary Inquiry into the proposed Tintenbar to Ewingsdale Pacific Highway Upgrade

We would like to express our serious concerns regarding any proposal to upgrade the existing Pacific Highway in the Bangalow region in northern NSW.

As residents of Bangalow we are already experiencing major noise impacts from the Pacific Highway in its current form. Any proposal to further increase the already significant (and ever increasing) use of this highway by B-doubles and other large vehicles would seriously impact on the quality of life of residents in this area.

The current vehicle load on the Pacific Highway in this region is also a major safety concern. This road is used by local residents on a daily basis and also carries a large number of tourist vehicles. This is not a safe mix with the volume (and speed) of the large vehicles using this route. To further develop and encourage heavy vehicle use on this route does not appear to have benefit for any of the road users nor the local residents.

A separate, purpose built route for the B-doubles and other heavy vehicles, perhaps along the coastal corridor, would appear to be the only logical solution for all road users in the area. We acknowledge that the Pacific Highway in this area does require some further development, however this should be aimed at the local/tourist traffic requirements and not designed around heavy vehicle use.

Yours faithfully