

INQUIRY INTO PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADES: COFFS HARBOUR

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General Purposes Standing Committee No.4.
Legislative Council
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RE ; INTERSECTION OF PACIFIC HIGHWAY AND NORTH BONVILLE
ROAD. REQUEST FOR LIGHTING.

I wish to bring to your notice my grave concerns over a section of the Pacific Highway, at Bonville. Namely the "UNLIT" Intersection of the Pacific Highway and North Bonville Road. Already the scene of a number of fatal accidents.

My concerns relate to (1) personal experience, (2) incidents I have witnessed and (3) conversations I have had with other drivers who have been in life threatening situations at this intersection at night.

North Bonville Road runs west off the Pacific Highway and forms a "T" intersection. High banks and trees form the approaches on each side of North Bonville Road, whilst open paddocks and a driveway to a Caravan Park are on the Eastern side of the Highway,

On a number of occasions, mainly at night whilst travelling in a southerly direction on the Pacific Highway I have been unable to identify just where the intersection is. On these occasions I have found myself slowing to a dangerously slow speed in the middle of the Highway, in an 80 km zone, just to try to identify where the North Bonville Road turnoff was. Traffic is always steady to very heavy on the Pacific Highway.

The Problem is the Pitch Blackness at this intersection at night. On rainy nights, with oncoming traffic it is absolutely impossible to see this intersection, resulting in vehicles turning right, either turning too early or too late. This has put both myself and numerous other drivers in a situation of being in no man's land, facing a possible head-on collision.

In support of this submission I would like to point out that North Bonville Road caters for a very large volume of local traffic and large volumes of traffic accessing Bonville International Golf Club, 500 meters off the Highway.

I am requesting a street light be put on an existing pole in North Bonville Road on the south western side, to show at night just where the intersection is.

Yours truly



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