

Submission
No 10

INQUIRY INTO PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADES: COFFS HARBOUR

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Summary

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Submission to the State Government Inquiry into the Pacific Highway

Dear Mr. Fraser

Very frustrated and somewhat reluctantly and I decided to make a submission to the General Purpose Standing Committee No 4 into the Pacific Highway Upgrade between Sapphire and Woolgoolga, and would appreciate it if you would forward my submission to the appropriate people.

My submission consists of 6 papers previously presented as follows:

Enclosure 1 – Dated 1 November 2001, deals with the pros. and cons. of various bypass options and states the preferred option. Also included here is copy of a letter dated April 2000 to the local Member Mr. A. Fraser, about Traffic Noise at Emerald Heights.

Enclosure 2 – Dated 24 February 2003, deals with perceived bias in the evaluation process of options considered and the inability of the RTA to meet the EPA noise standard of 50db(A).

Enclosure 3 – Dated 6 June 2003 is a letter to the editor of the Coffs Advocate that was published. It is here that frustration with the planning process is beginning to set in.

Enclosure 4 – Dated 25 February 2004 is a response to community update No 4 and is again an analysis of the planning process to date, trying to remain constructive and offer solutions.

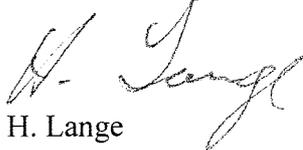
Enclosure 5 – Dated 9 March 2004 is a letter to the NRMA looking for a wider support basis. The response was negative.

Enclosure 6 – Dated 12 June 2004 is a response to community update No 5. The paper at enclosure 4 was resubmitted since nothing had changed.

It appears that the outcome of the community consultation process was predetermined right from the start as was stated by a member of the steering committee in an outburst after that member's resignation and as reported in the press.

Increasingly the general public is subjected to "spin doctoring" by people who know best. Once elected various levels of government seem to be immune to the democratic processes until the next election time. With the passage of new laws we may in future only be able to democratically elect our dictators for the next term of office.

Yours faithfully



H. Lange

Enclosures and Submissions:

1. Coffs Harbour Highway Planning Strategy – 1.Nov. 2001
2. Coffs Harbour Highway Planning Strategy – 24 Feb. 2003
3. Coffs Harbour Advocate, Editor – 6 Jun 2003
4. Coffs Harbour Highway Planning Strategy – 25 Feb. 2004
5. NRMA Motoring and Services President – 9 Mar. 2004
6. Coffs Harbour Highway Planning Strategy – 12 Jun. 2004