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INQUIRY INTO PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADES: COFFS HARBOUR

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TO ALL CONCERNED

IN ALL OF MY 57 YEARS I AM STILL BLATANTLY CONFUSED AS TO THE PARADOX OF THE HUMAN PSYCHE.

DURING MY LIFETIME AND PARTICULARLY THE LAST TWO DECADES IT HAS (IT HAS) BECOME PATENTLY AND PROFOUNDLY OBVIOUS, THAT WHATEVER TURN OF EVENTS, THE VAGARIES AND VICISSITUDES THAT BEFALL EACH AND EVERYONE OF US, THAT IT IS ALL TOO CONVENIENT TO BLAME SOMEONE ELSE, SOME SUBSTANCE OR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT RATHER THAN ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR OWN ACTIONS.

THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY IS A PRIME EXAMPLE.

THE FATALITIES AND INJURIES THAT HAVE OCCURRED DURING THE PAST TWO DECADES ARE AN INDICTMENT, NOT TO THE ROAD ITSELF, BUT TO THE MINDLESS ABERRATIONS WHO USE IT WITH CRIMINAL INTENT.

THE TRUCK DRIVERS, THE TOURISTS, THE DAILY COMMUTERS AND OTHERS WHO TAILGATE AND INTIMIDATE SIMPLY BECAUSE THE VEHICLE IN FRONT OF THEM ISN'T GOING FAST ENOUGH.

THESE ARE THE SAME PARASITES WHO TOTALLY IGNORE 40, 50 AND 60 KILOMETRE SPEED ZONES BY OUTRAGEOUSLY EXCEEDING THESE LIMITS BECAUSE IT SUITS THEIR MALEVOLENT DEMEANORS. I, AND THE GREATER MAJORITY OF EVERYDAY ROAD USERS WHO DRIVE WITH COMMONSENSE AND ADHERE TO THE RULES OF THE ROAD, WITNESS THESE ACTS OF SHEER BLOODY MINDEDNESS EACH AND EVERY DAY WITHOUT EXCEPTION AND WE ARE LEFT SHAKING OUR HEADS IN DISBELIEF.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH THESE PEOPLE?

THESE MISCREANT NEANDERTHALS WHO MUST OVERTAKE

AT ALL COST AND DAMN THE LEGATIONS, WHO THEN, HAVE THE UNMITIGATED GALL TO LEAN ON THE HORN, GLARE WITH HOSTILITY AND GIVE ONE THE FINGER AS IF WE ARE IN THE WRONG.

IT IS WE (THOSE WHO MUST BE WRONG) WHO TURN OUT EN MASSE, (WHO DO THE RIGHT THING 365 DAYS A YEAR) ON NATIONAL 'CLEAN UP DAY', TO CLEAN UP THE RUBBISH DEPOSITED BY THIS SAME GENRE OF DYSFUNCTIONAL PSYCHOPATHS WHO SIMPLY DON'T CARE.

MULTI MILLION DOLLAR 'DO THE RIGHT THING' CAMPAIGNS DO NOTHING WHATSOEVER TO STOP THE 'TOSSERS', AND A MULTI BILLION DOLLAR PACIFIC HIGHWAY WILL DO NOTHING TO STOP THE CARNAGE, IT'LL ONLY HAPPEN AT GREATER 'SPEED'!

ITS ABOUT TIME THESE NOCIOUS IMBECILES STOPPED FOR A MOMENT AND SMELL WHAT THEIR SHOVELLING, BECAUSE, IT ISN'T NOW OR IN THE PAST THE ROAD THATS KILLING, ITS THE IGNORANT AND ARROGANT ACTIONS OF THESE FEW WHO THROW CAUTION TO THE WIND EVERYTIME THEY GET BEHIND THE WHEEL AND TO HELL WITH THE CONSEQUENCES.

'SPEED KILLS..... ABSOLUTELY..... UNDENIABLY'

SPENDING BILLIONS WILL CERTAINLY SATISFY THE PUNDITS, PEERS AND ALL THOSE WITH THEIR HEADS BURIED IN THE SAND, BUT WHO, OR WHAT DO THEY BLAME WHEN THE DEATHS CONTINUE.

UPGRADE THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY.

BYPASS THE SO CALLED 'BLACK SPOTS', THE TOWNS AND CITIES.

CONSTRUCT A DUAL CARRIAGEWAY SUPER HIGHWAY IF YOU MUST, BUT YOU'LL NEVER STOP THE IMPATIENT MINORITY WHO ABNEGATE ACCOUNTABILITY, FLAUNT OBLIGATION AND COMMON SENSE, AND SUBSTITUTE MORAL AND ETHICAL BEHAVIOUR SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY JUST DON'T GIVE A DAMN.

NOW, HAVING SAID THAT MAY I PROFFER SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS THAT I PROFOUNDLY BELIEVE WILL REDUCE FATALITIES ENORMOUSLY.
GET RID OF THE TREES.

THE 'PINE CREEK' AREA IS A PRIME EXAMPLE BUT THERE ARE OTHERS TOO IN RURAL AND FAR WESTERN AREAS WHERE THE BITUMEN OR GRAVEL VERGE ENDS AND THERES NOTHING BUT A PLETHORA OF TIMBER.

I SPEAK FROM 40 YEARS OF PERSONAL EXPERIENCE DRIVING COASTAL AND COUNTRY ROADS WHERE I'VE HAD TO SUFFER DAMAGE TO MY VEHICLE BECAUSE OF AN ERRATIC MOTORIST, OR A NATIVE OR FARM ANIMAL BECAUSE I HAD ABSOLUTELY NOWHERE TO GO TO AVOID IT. EXTEND THE SHOULDER WHERE PRACTICAL TO THIRTY METRES CLEAR OF ANY OR ALL OBSTRUCTIONS THEREBY CREATING A SAFETY ZONE WHERE IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION, EVASIVE AND DECISIVE ACTION CAN BE INSTIGATED WITH SOME IMPUNITY AND NOT INCUR THE SOMETIME DIRE CONSEQUENCES OF IMPACTON WITH A TREE TRUNK.

SUN FILTERING THROUGH THE TREE CANOPY MID MORNING AND AFTERNOON CREATES A 'STROBE' AFFEKT THAT I FIND EXTREMELY TROUBLE SOME ESPECIALLY WITH PERIPHERAL VISION SO AN ADDED BONDS WOULD BE ACHIEVED WITH THE CLEARING.

I FIND IT NECESSARY DURING THIS 'STROBE' ASSAULT TO MASK MY EYES WITH ONE OF ^{my} HANDS BECAUSE THE EFFECT OTHERWISE IS AKIN TO SPLIT SECOND BLACKOUTS, NOT, DEFINATELY NOT CONDUCIVE TO SAFE DRIVING UNDER EITHER CIRCUMSTANCE.

IN CLOSING, I BELIEVE IT IS TIME THAT THE ENTIRE JUDICIAL SYSTEM IN THIS GREAT NATION OF OURS IS GIVEN AN "ENEMA."

TWIRL AWAY THE VELVET GLOVE OF LENIENCY AND THROW DOWN THE GAUNTLET OF INTENT AND PURPOSE.

HIT THOSE WHO CONTINUALLY AND NEGLIGENTLY SNUB THEIR NOSES AT THE LAW WHERE IT HURTS THE MOST, THE HIP POCKET NERVE. NO EXCUSES, NO SECOND CHANCES, HIT THEM HARD, DAMN HARD, AND WITHOUT EXCEPTION, ENFORCE IT.

MAKE A STATEMENT FIRST TIME EVERYTIME, THAT ANY CAVALIER, DEVIL MAY CARE, PLAIN STUPID BEHAVIOUR WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. EVERYONE, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, THE MOST MINDLESS OF HUMAN ABERRATIONS, UNDERSTANDS MONEY.

BOB DYLAN ONCE SAID: 'MONEY DOESN'T TALK, IT SCREAMS PROFANITIES MONEY (AND LACK OF IT) CHANGES EVERYTHING.

GONE WILL BE THE MARTYRDOM THAT COMES WITH A BRIEF HIATUS IN GAOL OR A FEW HOURS COMMUNITY SERVICE THAT THE INTELLECTUALLY HANDICAPPED LAUD ON THEIR EQUALLY MINDLESS HEAD SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCING ANYONES BANK ACCOUNT, WAGE OR CENTRE LINK PAUMENT (OVER A SITUATION THAT IN ALL PROBABILITY THEY HAD COMPLETE AND OTTER CONTROL OVER) WILL MAKE ALL AND SUNDRY SIT UP AND TAKE NOTICE, AND REALISE WHAT AN ABSOLUTE FOOL HE OR SHE WAS, AND THEY'LL THINK LONG AND HARD ABOUT MAKING THE SAME MISTAKE THEMSELVES.

I AM OPTIMISTIC THAT ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH BASK COMMON SENSE WOULD NOT BE CLOUDED WITH ANY DOUBT, UNDER ANY ILLUSION OR EXPECTATION THAT, BARRING NATURAL DISASTERS, THE ONLY THING KILLING PEOPLE ARE PEOPLE THEMSELVES.

YOURS FAITHFULLY

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