

## INQUIRY INTO PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADES

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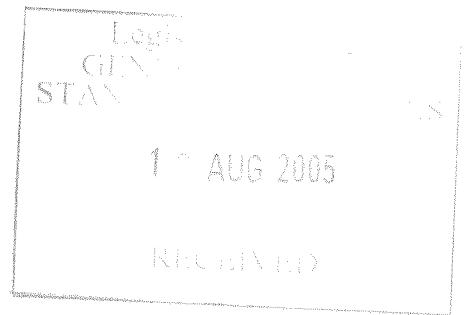
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**Subject:**

**Summary**



Objection to Pacific Highway upgrade due to noise impact of increased B-double traffic and safety concerns for local traffic for same reason.

As a resident living next to an upgraded section of the highway on a considerable slope I must bring to the committee's attention the terrible intrusion of noise to a previously rural area caused by the increased b-double traffic on the upgraded highway. This traffic is increasingly during the night and frequently wakes the entire household.

Also as a driver of a small car, the increased heavy goods vehicle traffic has made using the highway a frightening option. I choose to use the slower coastal road to Lennox Head rather than risk the highway. There is no positive effect of the upgrade for local people because of the increase in heavy vehicle traffic.

I implore the committee to consider the impact on local peoples health of the increase in b-double traffic. These vehicles should be banned from the pacific highway for the safety and wellbeing of locals and tourists to this region.