

Submission
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INQUIRY INTO PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADES: COFFS HARBOUR

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DEAR SIR OR MADAM,

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY
TO RESPOND TO THE INQUIRY INTO THE PACIFIC
HIGHWAY.

FIRSTLY IT IS CORRECT TO HIGHLIGHT THE
MASSIVE IMPROVEMENTS ON THE HIGHWAY
NORTH OF THE FREEWAY UP TO THE TWEED
BORDER. (1) RAYMOND TERRACE (2) KARUAH (3) BULLAHDELDAH
(4) COOPERNOOK (5) KEMPSSEY (6) URLINGA (7) HALF WAY CREEK
(8) BALLINA (9) BRUNSWICK HEADS (10) MURWILLUMBAH TO THE
TWEED. ALL THE ABOVE WAS COMPLETED IN THE SEVEN
YEARS I HAVE LIVED AT COFFS HARBOUR.

I HAVE USED THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY FOR ALMOST FIFTY
YEARS TRAVELLING MAINLY FROM SYDNEY TO THE
GOLD COAST WITHOUT FREEWAYS OR VERY FEW OVER
TAKING AREAS AROUND THE BENDS THROUGH HORNSBY
GOSFORD BULLAHDELDAH NAMBUCCA HEADS AND COFFS HARBOUR

THE FREEWAY TO NEWCASTLE WAS BUILT, WHEN FIRST
OPENED THERE WAS MANY DEATHS BECAUSE THERE WAS
NO SPEED LIMIT.

NOW THE ROADS ARE BLAMED FOR EVERY INCIDENT
ON THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY NOTWITHSTANDING IN MANY
CASES SPEED, DRUGS, INEXPERIENCE AND PATIENCE
MAY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE CARNAGE.

ADD TO THIS MIX IS SEMI TRAILERS AND FATIGUE!

ALTHOUGH THE VEHICLES OF TO-DAY ARE MUCH FASTER THEY HAVE MORE DISTRACTIONS SUCH AS MOBILE PHONES C.D ETC.

MR ANDREW FRASER THE NATIONAL PARTY MEMBER FOR COFFS HARBOUR, WAS SEEN ON TV SHOWING WHERE MANY FATALITIES HAD TAKEN PLACE ON THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY JUST SOUTH OF COFFS HARBOUR. IN THE BACKGROUND WAS HUGE ARROWS WHICH ARE VERY BRIGHT IN GLOUR (DAY AND NIGHT) THIS SHOULD SEND A MESSAGE OF DANGER AND TO KEEP TO THE SPEED ADVISED. SOME PEOPLE DID NOT HEED THE SIGNS!

DIVIDED ROADS MAY BE THE ANSWER TO PROTECT US.

BUT I EMPHATHISE THE HIGHWAY IS NOT AT FAULT. SOME TIME IT APPEARS THE ROAD IS THE DOMAIN OF SEMI TRAILERS AND 'D' PLATERS. THE LATTER FOR LACK OF PATIENCE, ALTHOUGH MOST TRUCK DRIVERS ARE PROFESSIONAL DRIVERS, BOTH OVERTAKE EVEN IF ONE IS DRIVING AT THE SPEED LIMIT.

AT THE OUTSET I STATED THE MASSIVE IMPROVEMENT ITEMS (1-10) HAVE BEEN COMPLETED WHILE ANDREW FRASER HAS BEEN IN OPPOSITION IN THIS STATE. YET THEY STILL PLAY POLITICS!

KEEP THIS IN MIND, BEFORE THE FREEWAY AND THESE TEN SECTIONS OF ROAD WERE UPDATED IT TOOK ABOUT 12 HOURS FROM SYDNEY - GOLD COAST!

YOURS FAITHFULLY
MR. D. NURCOMBE

