

INQUIRY INTO PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADES

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>>> 2:25:35 pm Thursday, 18 August 2005 >>>
 Dear Mr Iemma, Mr Tripodi, and Ms Gardiner,

We are taxpayers and residents of Coopers Shoot near Bangalow, which is currently included in the extended study area for the proposed Tintenbar/Ewingsdale Upgrade.

We write to strenuously oppose the continuation of this study being undertaken by the RTA, on one level as a taxpayer who cannot believe the massive waste of funds that would occur if the Pacific Highway is to be moved from the existing corridor: funds that would be lost in the halting of pre-approved upgrades to the north and south of T2E; funds that would be lost in the land already acquired in the T2E section existing corridor; millions and millions of dollars that would be wasted in already-completed upgrades that would become obsolete if the highway were to be moved from the existing corridor.

We also write on behalf of our family, which is suffering considerable stress and anxiety over the possibility that the highway will be moved from the existing corridor and through our neighbourhood. We made a considerable investment - our life savings - two years ago to move into this unique and picturesque part of the world. We did so in a large part to get away from traffic and carbon monoxide of Sydney, to enjoy a life away from highways and arterial roads, and to enjoy a spectacular environment that people travel to from all over the world to appreciate. This environment would be completely ruined by moving the highway through any of the proposed alternative routes.

Our family made this monumental move to the area after some investigation into possible development, and felt secure that our locality would be safe from any major development, and did not even consider that the proposed Pacific Highway upgrade would take anywhere but on the existing Pacific Highway, as anything else would be totally illogical.

Since being included in the extended study area - something we find unfathomable as such a move away from the existing corridor makes absolutely no sense whatsoever - our livelihood has been put on hold until this matter is resolved. The value of properties within the study area has ceased to appreciate or indeed, have dropped. The emotional toll on our lives is considerable, and our assets are depreciating in value due to this extremely spurious extended study area.

If anyone can explain to us what appears to be an absurd situation, if you can tell us why it makes sense to even consider moving the highway off the highway, why it makes sense to continue with time-consuming and highly dubious consultation processes, please do contact us at this email address, because so far, none of the available literature or information sheds any light on any logic in the situation.

We urge your government to do the State coffers a favour - and to eliminate the risk of a class action from angry residents - by returning the study

area to the existing corridor.

Yours Sincerely,

Lucy Clark and Guntis Sics, parents of
Georgia, 8
Charlie, 6
And
Theo, 11 months.