

**Submission
No 200**

INQUIRY INTO PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADES

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Summary

GPSC4 GPSC4 - RE: HIGHWAY UPGRADE

From:
To: <gpscno4@parliament.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 10/09/05 9:05:45
Subject: RE: HIGHWAY UPGRADE

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please accept the attached as a submission to the Inquiry into the Pacific Highway Upgrades.

Kind regards,
Gary and Rebecca Lock

Gary & Rebecca Lock

GeoLink Lennox Head
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Sunday, 3 July 2005

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: PROPOSED WOODBURN TO BALLINA UPGRADE

We wish to submit a proposal against the highway proceeding through our property at , Wardell.

Through your latest information received by us there are currently three options which affect our property directly being 2A, 2B and 2C.

Firstly, this property is already split via Thurgates Lane and a Department of Lands easement road.

Secondly, the property is used to grow sugar cane which would almost certainly have to cease should the roads proceed as all options all but desiccate the cane growing land on the property.

Thirdly, the property was purchased by us as future investment. Our intention is to grow macadamias and passionfruit. We have been propagating trees as we speak. Now this has to be placed on hold indefinitely until decisions are made by others to determine OUR future.

Fourthly, and most probably the most emotionally important is that Gary and our kids have grown up here. They have their horses, cattle and other interests which keep them amused 24/7. Our eldest is 15 years old and has never been bored. She has no desire to walk the streets of Ballina/Lismore for entertainment and for that we are extremely grateful. This property has given us that....this place has also instilled a rural background for our kids for whom our eldest has already chosen her career path in agriculture.

Our quality of life will be permanently disrupted through increased noise and traffic. The unknown quantity of flood water and pollution is also a concern. The impact on the bush turkey and wallabies living around our property would be extremely uncertain. We are a rural family that have chosen to live where we do for many reasons and having a highway placed over our property just wasn't something we ever considered and prior to your recent communications would have been considered quite ridiculous to think.

Our house that we have been renovating has cost us 6 years of every cent we could spare from our wages so that we "only" had a mortgage for the farm and could see our way financially into the future and progress the farm.

Should the highway have to go anywhere other than the existing highway then **we regretfully choose options 2D or 2F.**

Kindly include us in any future updates regarding the upgrade either by mail or email.

Please consider our submission in your decision regarding our **HOME!**

Yours sincerely,

Gary Lock

Rebecca Lock