

INQUIRY INTO PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADES

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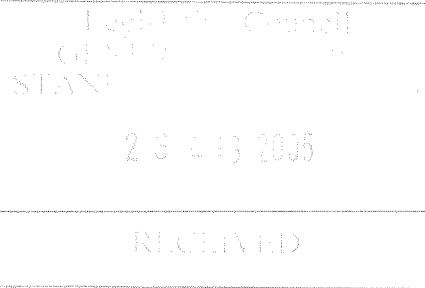
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From:
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To whom it may concern,

In December 2003 I had a serious accident in the bend at the bottom of St Helena's hill. My name is Prisca du Ressac and I live on Coolamon Scenic Drive. I was driving and my passenger died. It really sensitised me as regards to road traffic issues and I feel to share my opinion. The Pacific Highway has become a very dangerous road to drive on. The problem number one is surely the numbers of big trucks using it now (the day before I had my accident, a truck had had one and the road was covered with engine oil). This highway has to accommodate a huge number of drivers, unlike anywhere else in the world, because of the lack of a railway system in place. Add the number of trucks being used because of the said lack of alternatives, and you will get a lot of scared drivers, bad feelings and resulting accidents. Upgrading the Highway is not a solution. Especially not at the cost of coastal land which is much more precious than any moving vehicle or good transportation. And not in an area which relies on its good look for most of its business; the people from all over the world who come to visit our region, do not do so to see bigger highways Californian style or to be threaten by a truck driver to much in a hurry to comply to safety. Try turning towards Bangalow coming from Coolamon Scenic Drive when a couple of huge trucks are slowly climbing the hill and all the fast cars are in a line to overtake...Please, consider down-scaling the Pacific Highway for the well being of the inhabitants of thousands of miles of Coastal Land, and for the well being of the economy which relies on tourism.

Yours sincerely,
 Prisca du Ressac