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Dear Sir

I am writing on behalf of Kempsey Sporting Car Club (KSCC) in relation to the planned underpass at Yarrabee Road which is part of the Oxley Highway to Kempsey Pacific Highway upgrade. Please find attached our submission attached. I will also mail a hard copy to your office.

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I believe the general design of the planned underpass at Yarrabee Road to be very good, I think it is very clever to utilise the lay of the land to aid the construction of the underpass reducing the costs dramatically.

It is also pleasing to see access for the Hillclimb track has been considered. But it is the junction with Yarrabee road that will create a problem for KSCC conducting major Hillclimb events at the Mount Cooperabung track. Currently KSCC leases the section of old Pacific Highway from Kempsey Shire Council, the lease extends from the cross roads at Yarrabee road to the edge of the Ballengarra State Forrest (see figure 1), it is this area that the club utilises to line up competitive vehicles during events.

While hosting major events KSCC receives entries of fifty to sixty vehicles, to effectively run events of this size the field is split into two groups allowing half of the field to be staged below the start line. It is these efficiencies that have been recognised by the Confederation of Motor Sport (CAMS) enabling KSCC to host annual rounds of the NSW Hillclimb championship.

The loss of this area will drastically reduce the capacity of the venue to host rounds of the NSW championship and Newcastle Tamworth and Kempsey Tri series. It is these events which enable KSCC to pay licence, permit fees and council rates.

How ever we believe that the problem could be very easily be rectified as the options are still in a planning phase at this point. If the RTA re-align the junction to Yarrabee road (see figure 2) this would maintain KSCC's ability to host larger events. This option could also leave the current entrance intact thus saving the need to construct the extra access road. If for what ever reason the gate is too close to the junction a smaller access could be setup at the nearest point (Alternate entrance Figure 2).

Currently the section of Yarrabee Road where the Hillclimb entrance gate is situated is quite wide, (see in Figure 3) We believe either of these options could be accommodated with a minimum fuss.

If for what ever reason these options are inappropriate, KSCC would be asking the RTA for compensation in the form of a flat sealed area capable of accommodating 30 cars to allow the club to continue hosting major Hillclimb events.

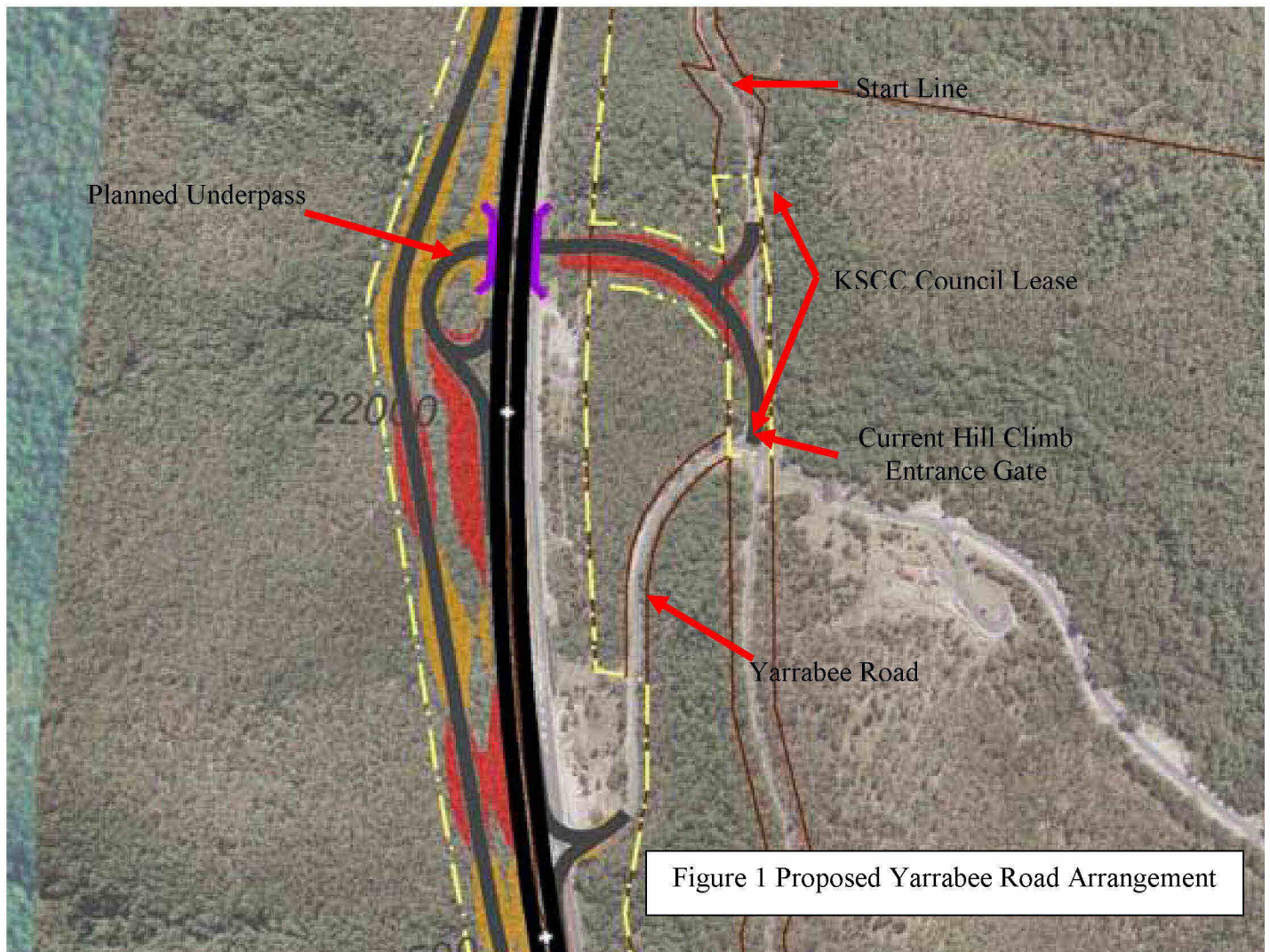


Figure 1 Proposed Yarrabee Road Arrangement



Figure 2 Proposed Yarrabee Road Alternate Arrangement



If you require any further contact regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact me by phone 65663317 business hours or on 0428654828 at any time. My email is mrkiffer@bigpond.com

Yours sincerely

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