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Possible solution to DGV using tunnels

Currently about 12 Dangerous Goods Vehicles (DGV) per day will NOT be permitted to use the new bypass because they are restricted from going through the tunnels.

Possible Solution

DGV to be fitted with sensors which connect to sensors when approaching the tunnels these signal activate signage 2-3 kilometres back from the tunnels and restrict the speed on all **NONE DGV** so the trucks pull ahead of the general traffic..The DGV pass through the tunnels on their own without endangering anyone other than the truck driver who accepts that risk every time they drive the vehicle or they can choose not to use the new bypass. If an accident occurred in the tunnel then the sensor/signage would stop all traffic entering the area.

As the DGV reaches the end of the tunnels the sensor triggers the speed control system and all traffic can resume normal speed. The longest tunnel is Gateleys Road at 450 metres which would take a truck travelling at 100 kph about 25 seconds to pass through.

The sensors are an inexpensive and safe solution to diverting these DGV away from the Pacific Hwy. in Coffs Harbour.

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