

**Andrew Beattie - Access to B109 Princes Highway, Berry, 2535 from the proposed Princes Highway Upgrade**

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Attention: Director – Infrastructure Projects,  
Department of Planning and Infrastructure,  
Sydney, NSW, 2001

Dear Sir,

We have reviewed the recently published Environmental Assessment of the Foxground and Berry bypass, which is part of the proposed Princes Highway upgrade.

The proposed access to B109 Princes Highway (Option 1) is completely unsatisfactory for the following reasons:

1. Significant loss of land, old and large trees, house garden and brick sheds.
2. The extensive excavation would cause loss of entry, within existing boundary, for cars, tractors including heavy vehicles and trucks delivering produce (eg Hay)
3. Entrance gate could not be located at roadside, and as the excavation would look like a side road, unwanted traffic could access our property.
4. The resultant excavation would cause a “FUNNEL AFFECT” channeling highway noise directly to the bedrooms of our house. The bedrooms are located adjacent to the end of the proposed cutting.
5. The proposed excavation would necessitate the acquisition of our land and cause our house to be virtually unlivable. The Option (1) places the cutting virtually on our verandahs and near the front of our home.
6. The complete loss of the current parking spaces at the front of our home and adjacent to our current driveway.

As the above option is totally unsatisfactory for our comfort and the continued method of operation of our farm, we respectfully submit the following alternative:

Using the existing corridor of land already owned by the RMS, which ends at our northern boundary fence, easy access to our property could be within our land and beside the highway heading south.

This access would not need massive excavation to create an access for entry to our property and would not involve the significant loss of trees, gardens, sheds and would eliminate all of the negative effects listed above.

There is sufficient width between our western boundary, which is the highway boundary, and the stand of old gum trees on our land for the construction of an access road, which would join our current drive with minimum loss of gardens and trees. In fact it would only case a couple of hedge trees to be lost and we would retain the current parking area, trees, sheds and private access.

Our entry gate could be positioned on our northern boundary fenceline, so no unwanted traffic could access our property. It would also enable access for trucks, tractors and heavy machinery without the danger of turning directly off the highway.

If you favourably consider the Schofield's Lane—Community Option put forward by Peter and Pamela Bice, which we support, our access would be a part of this submission. This solution would also provide us with easy access to the North by linking with the highway from Schofield's Lane.

Regardless of any other consideration, our submitted solution to our entry access is a satisfactory alternative to the current published option, which is totally unsatisfactory and would make our continued residence at B109 Princes Highway untenable.

Yours sincerely,

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