


Andrew Beattie - Foxground and Berry Bypass, Princes Highway upgrade, Environmental Assessment

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Dear sir,
I attach eight separate letters for the environmental assessment for this project

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Ancillary Site E

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The Director - Infrastructure Projects,
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17th December 2012.

Dear Sir,

Re : Foxground and Berry Bypass, Princes Highway upgrade, Environmental Assessment.

I wish to submit the following objection to the Environmental Assessment Report prepared by the Department of Roads and Maritime Services for the project.

I note that there a number of Ancillary facility areas outside the area designated as the Road alignment. There is one adjacent to the existing road bridge near Thompsons Road labelled Site E. this site is also shown as an area that will experience 1 in 5 year floods. This is incompatible with the requirements for Ancillary Facility sites.

I object that this site can be considered as an Ancillary site.

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Berry Corridor

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I wish to submit the following objection to the Environmental Assessment Report prepared by the Department of Roads and Maritime Services for the project.

I note that the report does not acknowledge the existence of the Berry Corridor: from Escarpment to Sea. This corridor forms part of the South Coast Regional Conservation Plan and the Southern Rivers Catchment Action Plan.

This corridor crosses the new alignment of the highway between Austral Park and Tindalls Lane.

I object that this important environmental feature of the area has been ignored by the report, with the consequence that significant Flora and Fauna will be highly impacted.

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Forest Replacement

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I wish to submit the following objection to the Environmental Assessment Report prepared by the Department of Roads and Maritime Services for the project. I note that the new highway will be double the width of the existing road. I also note that because it must accommodate higher speeds it will be straighter than it was previously. This means the much of the existing trees and bush along the existing road will be removed and the edges left will be damaged by the effect of the nearby work.

The largest area of forest along the road is from Austral Park to Tindalls Lane. Much of this is mature forest. I believe that the project contractor must replace as much of this disturbed forest area as is possible with native trees to match the existing forest.

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Noise Barriers

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I note that the report shows two noise attenuation barriers to the highway to the North of Berry. The visual impact of these walls from the highway will be a defining feature of Berry for passing motorists. They are both immediately before the off ramps into Berry.

The alternative solutions shown for the form of the barriers are not the final design. Because of their significance a skilled professional Designer should be commissioned to design these barriers. This should be part of the Environmental Assessment Report.

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Toolijooa Ridge

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I wish to submit the following objection to the Environmental Assessment Report prepared by the Department of Roads and Maritime Services for the project. I note that the new highway will be result in a 25 metre deep cutting at Toolijooa Ridge. This will be very visible to train passengers travelling to Berry and to drivers on the coast road from Gerringong to Gerroa. This will leave a large scar on this beautiful landscape.

This the landscape that is the subject of two of Australia's most famous Landscape painting- The Road to Berry by Lloyd Reece (In the NSW Art Gallery) and a drawing -The Road to Berry by Brett Whiteley.

I believe that the project contractor must screen this disturbance to this famous landscape with large native trees so as to restore the line Toolijooa ridge.

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Unassigner Land

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I wish to submit the following objection to the Environmental Assessment Report prepared by the Department of Roads and Maritime Services for the project.

The new alignment of the highway cuts through many properties between Toolijooa and Schofields Lane. Some of these divisions leave small portions of land inaccessible or too small to be viable as pastoral land.

The Environment Assessment Report does not identify these compromised areas or offer a strategy for their disposal or ongoing maintenance when the project has been completed. They will become weed infested and a source of seed for neighbouring properties.

I object that the report does not address this problem.

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Western Portal

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Motorists approaching Berry from Nowra when cresting the hill at Crosiers Road view a grove of large eucalyptus trees as a recognisable portal entry to the town. These are on the Schofields Lane ridge. This is a highly regarded feature of this approach to the town.

I object that this feature has not been acknowledged as significant in the Environmental Assessment Report. As these trees are next to an ancillary facility area they must be protected.

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Permanent Ancillary Site

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I note that the report does not list the Permanent Ancillary site near the Tindalls Lane Over pass bridge as a Project Component. Subsequently no provision has been made to screen this permanent work area from the new highway or the surrounding landscape.

I object that this permanent work area has been ignored by the report, with the result that the significant visual amenity of this landscape will be highly impacted.

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