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Dear Sir/Madan

EIS SUBMISSION - COFFS HARBOUR BYPASS

I am the property owner at [redacted] West Korora Road Coffs Harbour and have lived in the West Korora Valley for over 40 years and the proposed bypass boundary will be approximately 50 metres from my property boundary. There are a number of other landholders that have lived in the valley for over 40 years where a portion of their properties are to be purchased to build the bypass and parts of the valley have been rezoned for residential.

On viewing the EIS I have a number of issues to raise:

- why have the long term landholders in the West Korora Valley not been consulted when investigating for flood management and environmental issues as they have an extensive knowledge to what has occurred in the valley over the years.
- Jordan Creek runs through the West Korora valley and is fed by a natural spring at the top of the valley. How can RMS assure that the constant flow will not be disturbed as this water is used for irrigation and domestic. In 1996 when Coffs Harbour experienced 22 inches of rain in approximately 14 hours Jordan Creek raised approximately 14 feet and if this weather event occurs again or when Coffs Harbour gets a heavy downpour of rain what measures will RMS be putting in place to prevent the excess run off from the bypass and prevent homes in Diggers Beach from flooding

- Sound barriers need to be installed for the West Korora Valley residents how can RMS determine what the noise levels will be when this valley is unique situated between two hills that are approximately 500 metres apart. There are no other areas along the Pacific Highway that I have seen in my travels the same terrain to be able to compare the noise levels. Where the Pacific Highway is currently positioned we hear the road noise and that is 1.3 km away there will be much more noise when we will be only 50 metres from the road boundary.
- How can RMS bulldoze 7A environmental protection land in the West Korora Valley when landholders would be fined if they destroyed any of this bushland. There are koalas and regent bower birds in this protected area.
- Why has every town on the Pacific Highway from Hexham to Queensland border been properly bypassed except for Coff's Harbour they are only getting a ring road which is moving the existing highway approximately 2 kms west dividing Coff's Harbour and taking valuable residential land which will stop the growth of the city for future housing estates.
- what measures will RMS be putting in place for road grime to protect our water tanks in the West Korora Valley as we are not connected to the town water supply.

All the years that there have been changes made for the proposed Coff's Harbour bypass I have had to make contact to ask questions and due to the closeness of the highway to my property I should have been notified as this bypass will decrease the value of my property and I feel I should receive some form of compensation.

Yours sincerely


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