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Coffs Harbour bypass: SSI_7666

Submission against the Coffs Harbour Coramba Rd interchange.

When we purchased our property and built our forever home in 1999, along with our Solicitor we conducted all searches and due diligence thoroughly including any road changes and Trans Grid at that time. All came thru clear so we proceeded with our purchase. It has now turned out to be the biggest mistake of my life, both emotionally & financially!

We selected this area for the rural aspect and the lifestyle we were looking for. I am born and bred in this (what was) a beautiful area as is my entire family.

As this was a residential area that was already established, which we purchased prior to this bypass/interchange, I cannot for the life of me understand how we are expected to live with this, more so during construction and even after.

We can understand that the bypass has to be built, **but not right in the path of our property with the off ramp approximately meters from our back door.**

After attending one of the interactive EIS Displays I found this to be the most devastating of consequence to us. We now find our home is right on the proposed Coramba interchange ,originally only 1 round-about to the west but now 2, which has now moved more to the north east.

So now, we will have continuous noise from all directions, north, south, east and west, absolutely no outlook, engine breaks from trucks in all directions, very tight roundabouts, on-off ramps and a huge wall to supposedly sound proof us, which from the RMS advisor's said that the ramp could be as high as 8 meters (or higher) then the 3.5 meter sound barrier. The sound barriers will be the last to be completed. Therefore, we will have all the dust, noise, vibrations etc at our back door for years to come even prior to this being completed. Not acceptable!!

We are now facing the issues of.

1. Flooding issues that we have never had to date.
2. Consistent noise both day and night.
3. Total decrease of property values already
4. Absolute loss of lifestyle
5. Cost of power running air-conditioners, which we cannot afford.
6. Heavy diesel particulates and general road pollution from the traffic looming over our home.
7. Double or triple glazing on our windows. We didn't choose to live here to be stuck like prisoners inside our home at all times, we have windows and doors open all day.
8. Loss of power while the lines are relocated.
9. No water while the pipes are removed and relayed.
10. Structural damage to our properties and lifetime investments.
11. The bus shelter, apparently stays where it is, however the bus interchange will be around 12 meters higher (with or without the sound barrier?) how is that going to work?

Our property's rear boundary is on the corner of Coramba Road and Spagnolo's Road (where the bus shelter is situated).

THIS PROPERTY WOULD BE A PERFECT SITE FOR AN OFFICE, PARKING AREA OR WATER RETENTION. But this house is not suitable for my family to live in, neither during or construction or after.