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Attention: Director – Transport Assessments
Planning and Assessment
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
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Dear Director,

I am writing to you to voice my disapproval of the location of the proposed extension of the service road, named, Solitary Islands Way, heading south, from Sapphire, which we have been advised will be running alongside, at the same level, of the current local road, namely, Coachmans Close Korora, NSW, 2450.

I am totally against any further road development between the current highway road position and Coachmans Close.

As there are acres of space on the western side of the current highway, that RMS already own, it would seem that, that area would be a better location to accommodate expansion of both the highway and the service road.

Having suffered through the last expansion of the highway, (incredible noise, blasting noise, dirt, dust, vibrations, house damage and cracking baths and paths) and yes I have lived in Coachmans Close for many years, I would not like to suffer through that again and see the terrible destruction that occurred, both to my own property and to the greenbelt that we once had.

To date I have not been compensated for the huge amount of damaged that the highway upgrade caused to my home.

To use this space between the highway and Coachmans Close, would entail the further destruction of what is left of our little greenbelt. It would reduce the value of our homes further (the last upgrade saw a loss of about \$50-100K on our homes, which has slowly been recovered, until now) to a point where they are impossible to sell for any price. I had my home on the market for approximately 3 years without one offer and was unable to sell same, because of the road works, and thus we are still living in Coachmans Close.

The initial loss of our little greenbelt and local wildlife was devastating to the whole neighbourhood. Approximately half of the area of the greenbelt along Coachmans Close was resumed for the development of the current highway.

We have a tank for rainwater at our property and with the added volume of traffic and reduced filtering by the lost trees, it became polluted and undrinkable, to this day.

Many of us in the neighbourhood had put in years of looking after our healthy greenbelt and planting native and other trees for the wildlife.

We also lost many of our fauna with the development, the fireflies are only just starting to return in one or twos, at one end of the belt. The butterfly population is still almost zero. The black cockatoos missed their place to land and feed, in the tall trees, the kookaburras used to be about in abundant numbers and are still not as many as they were. The bush turkeys lost one of their foraging and courting areas.

This greenbelt, as I call it, is of prime importance to our area, not just to my street but to our whole neighbourhood. It protects our little valley in many ways –

- ✓ by filtering the physical pollution from the highway including diesel, dust and grime
- ✓ by reducing the noise of the highway
- ✓ by giving cool natural shade in the afternoon sun, to all

- ✓ by giving a home to the bush turkeys, who now nest in the path of the proposed new service road; may I remind you, that bush turkeys are a protected species
- ✓ the bush turkeys are now in larger numbers and make use of the green belt all day every day, and in numbers.
- ✓ The tall trees are the stopover and resting place of the large and small birds in their travels, the flying foxes also stop for a rest on their journey northwest and back.
- ✓ For us humans the trees help filter the air for us to breathe!

So thus, I would strongly implore you (RMS) to cease any further road development between Coachmans Close Korora and the current highway (from Sapphire to the Opal Cove turnoff), thank you.

On another issue -

With regard to the current sound barrier, on the western side of our little greenbelt, but the eastern side of the highway, along Coachmans Close, this is invaluable and currently has clear panels, which have advantages over the pictured solid barrier proposed on the Coffs Harbour bypass website.

<https://v2.communityanalytics.com.au/rms/coffs>

As the current road level and sound barrier are very, very high, I request that this barrier with clear panels remains in place, in its current position and structure.

If the proposed project of a new service road goes ahead, then the sound barrier should absolutely remain and also be clear panels as per below reasons.

Some advantages of clear panels on a sound barrier are -

- ✓ giving light through the sound barrier to both flora and fauna
- ✓ improved light for traffic and children walking to school on this route
- ✓ giving light to us humans to exist
- ✓ by giving us humans a chance to see the setting sun

- ✓ good for telling the time 😊
- ✓ maintain our perspective of north, south east and west, by the setting sun

Seriously, I thank you for any consideration you give my submission and lament that I could not get this in before the very tight deadline, so that my voice could be counted. I look forward to corresponding with you again on this matter,

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Lynda', followed by a horizontal line.

Lynda Soderlund, JP.