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*I have been away for 10 weeks & only returned 5 days ago - before objection closing date. On several occasions I have discussed the issues of the proposed project with Terry & wish to state that I fully concur with his facts completely.*

## **Smoke and mirrors, Left hand right hand? Nothing to see here, move along.**

Like the EIS not being available the 13th or on display, until the 19<sup>th</sup>. I have letters from both the CVC & Department of Planning to verify. Going through the EIS as I have, I find to many issues that should make this project disappear. It is an environmental disaster waiting to happen.

I could list them all for you, but, that is what you want, then you can correct them with your magic, word changes, policies changed, a tweak here and a tweak there, with a result of more bamboozle, hoping we will give up.

How long are you going to waste tax payer's money on this project on the land known as Ben Jones property.? When this FLAGSHIP project sailed into my life, I gave my word to an old bloke who had just had his dream crushed, I thought to myself, how can Ben's land be a GREENFIELD SITE? How can it be called GRAFTON? Green field site in Grafton? For the 600 bed jail? 195 hectares? When you only need 45. What? 1700 beds? What changed? What didn't.

The Member for Clarence stated in July 2015, 600 bed gaol for Grafton, Headline of local paper, He still has it in the window of his office. What changed? What didn't. 18<sup>th</sup> July 2015. Justice Minister Troy Grant announced 1.2 Billion for new jails. 600 beds GREENFIELD SITE for Grafton, 400 for Parklea. Parklea must have said they had enough with 900 odd, and then Grafton gets its 1000 surge capacity.

Member for Clarence said on 15/06/15 (he quashed speculation saying there is certainly nothing in the state budget for a centre that size) (the budget is for 600 beds) and in his broacher, there is only enough in the budget for a 600 bed facility. Meanwhile Clarence Valley Council are approving Ben Jones DA. For his DREAM HOME, you know, the vacant house in the EIS. On His high land where He puts His cattle in flood times, out of the flood zone, and out of His House He is now FORCED TO LIVE IN, which has gone under water many times (15 or so times).

84 years old, owned the land for 45 years, now grazing country due to His hard slogging, builds a BRAND NEW HOME, where He could live out His later years, flood free, and get a lady in to clean once a fortnight, from clean.

Meanwhile C.V.C. and? Infrastructure NSW? Government Property NSW, and the Members of? Have decided to take Bens land, under single owner TICK, no mortgage TICK, big enough TICK, highway TICK, only a few neighbours TICK. What about the old bloke who just built his dream home, shed, solar system (CHATTLES BY THE WAY!) and His custodianship of the land and wildlife? Oh him?

We'll give him 60% of the true value and crush his dream, take away his livelihood and he can? He's 84 and can start again with the money. He was offered 5 Million by the blueberry growers, and He turned them down as the land was NOT FOR SALE. He has plenty of money, it is not about money, it is about His livelihood and life style, labour past, present and future. Future? What is that now for my 84-year-old mate, all people in the bush, love the peaceful living in the country.



Bens neighbourhood has had to deal with CSG, (arsenic 8.6mg per kilo, lead 14mg, aluminium 11.000mg, chromium 8.6mg etc.) which all ran down the road, onto Barry & Sarah's land & the other neighbour, then into the Cold Stream and Clarence.

And now they have to endure a highway, go to the corner of 6-mile lane and do a dB check with a Bruel & Hjaer sound level meter and check the volume as per Aust. Standards L Aeq, and wait for a frog to croak, those trucks must be up over the 100dB level, I live 2.5k. s from the highway and hear the noise 24/7. Who had the bright idea of ramming a highway though a peaceful valley? To save 9k. s and 20 minutes' drive time, BY PASSING Grafton and ramming a highway though a valley with peace and quiet, National Parks, Emu country (Emu...a PROTECTED ENDANGERED species, under **NSW THREATENED SPECIES CONSERVATION ACT 1995, protected under the NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE ACT 1974**) there is only 120 of them left so who cares? .....You obviously don't. Whose figures are correct? NSW high way info 08 2016, 4.36 billion, Member for Page 5.64 billion election broacher? During election. Broken calculator? Or Broken promise?

Today is the 7<sup>th</sup> of September, world day for the protection of a 1000 threatened species, but, you can simply pay money (OPM) to destroy them, like at this ridiculous jail site, 7.3 Million to wipe out FLORA and FAUNA by the hundreds/thousands, by the time you have finished, hundreds of hectare for hundreds of kilometres, for Billions of dollars (OPM) all done in a higgledy piggledy way, in small patches, I have documents about the highway project too, someone, somewhere, saw Bens land and wanted it!

Dictionary states, acquire as GAIN, GET, / ACQUISITION, ACT OF GETTING, MATERIAL GAIN, / ACQUISITIVE, DESIRE OF GAINING. YOU'VE JUST GOT TO HAVE. Sounds like GREED TO ME. Greg Lake said at the Tucabia meetings RMS are doing a **COMPOLSARY ACQUISITION** AND THERE WAS NO HURRY AS SITE WAS STILL BEING PROCURED. He also said a **DIRECT ACQUISITION**, CVC Mayor called it a **COMPOLSARY ACQUISITION**. Some news reports also mention it as a **COMPOLSARY ACQUISITION**.

Did you ACQUIRE THE LAND? Someone who had been looking at the land on the list I have via a GIPA REQUEST, HAD DECIDED IT WAS THAT ONE. List dated 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2015, around the same time Ben was getting CVCs DA approval to build.? Did he have it by then? Who cares? I do! So, Ben builds His dream home, ready to move in for Christmas, BUT, ON November the 30<sup>th</sup> 2015, Government Property NSW had different plans for Bens Christmas, SHOWING UP AT HIS GATE, to tell him, We've come to take your land! The LAJTCA Section 13 (1) must give OWNER at least 90 days in writing, before the land is compulsorily acquired, but you are not using the Act are you?

In the said GIPA request earlier, I have in my possession, a letter to Mr Jones, dated 04/12/15 that states they are acquiring his land, but they will be calling it a purchase. How can they do that? Don't use the LAND ACQUISITION (JUST TERMS AND COMPENSATION) ACT 1991, that's how.

They mention the Act several times in the letter and how their not using it, but still not use said Act. How can they do that? Better put a broacher in with letter, just in case.

Ben thought these people had come to talk to him about the highway stuff up. You know, where RMS took 30 acres instead of 13, and ripped old Ben off about 100K. Highway Robbery.

So here we are, Bens dream crushed, and you've got your jail site, or have you? The DA is just that, a DA. Going by what I have been told by CVC, there is no digging deeper than 60cm whilst the DA is AWAITING APPROVAL, and here you are digging holes deep enough to bury a car, drilling all over His land. Trucks and cars driving ever where in the wet, compacting His land, and in the dry, one fool even parked a hot car in the middle of the paddock and set fire to the land and his car.

Meanwhile CVC Mayor Richie Williamson stated to ABC North Coast radio 7.30am (03/12/15), that he was not privy to the ins and outs of the project which is a **COMPOLSARY ACQUISITION**, being a matter for the department and the State, and what he would encourage the state to have that conversation, very quickly. ODD? How much did he know on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015? Any truth to a rumour SERCO MEET WITH him recently? CVC are all the way through the EIS.

Ben had just been told 4 days earlier and then the Mayor is on radio, I have recording. Surely a COMPOLSARY ACQUISITION IS UNDER THE Act? Oh it's not being used! Merry XMAS Ben is what the Mayor may have been thinking, depending on how much he actually knew.

Christmas comes and goes, Ben doesn't move in because it hurts, and now comes the EIS and the deception of COMMUNITY CONSULTATION. Feb 2016, meetings planned for Tucabia, 84k.s from my place, arranged by Member for Clarence as being the most convenient spot to hold very hot, noisy fans, lousy PA system, miles from Grafton, where is the recording of the meetings? unlike the Crown Hotel meeting right in the main centre of town.

Radio 2GF ran an ad about the meetings at Tucabia on the morning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of Feb at their 8.30 local news, but said it was on the 10<sup>th</sup>, I rang Infrastructure NSW to let them know, and the radio station, it was not corrected. How can that be fair on the local community? 2GF would not give me a copy of the ad when I asked that day, cover up? The CVC Mayor is on at that time as the morning DJ and should have corrected it as he was going to meeting and was in fact at the morning session, stacked with cronies.

I asked a question at both meetings that was never answered, that being, which section of which act they would be using? Greg Lake (LAKE the TAKE) laughed and said he wouldn't be answering that. To which the now angry crowd laughed, I note how you left that off your website RE most asked questions. Convenient?

The Member for Clarence was asked when he was aware of the project going on Bens land, and was laughed at when he answered, (the same time Ben did) I called him a liar, to which he said that I wasn't an Australian and should become one before asking questions. Cheek.

He then added (I shouldn't be on the selection panel that's how the situation can become corrupt. I can understand the secrecy. I shouldn't say secrecy.)

As reported 10/02/2016 Independent.



At the two meetings, 03/02/16, I took notes, 2 meetings, 2 different answers to questions, different audiences, same spin job. As we were being told the project was in its infancy, you had JACOBS Engineering Group (California?) employees, roaming all over Bens land at 10pm, land you did not own, without permission by the owner, to be there at night, spooking cattle with their torches. I might add here that Ben never wanted to sell His land to you or any one.

Greg Lake told those at those meetings there would be more community consultation in the future, with emails and letters, I rang many times to ask when and where, I was told at 11am 12/04/16 they would be in May, then June, then July, then in August and then finally the 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> you sent 5 people up from Sydney to spruik how good the jail would be, I went to all of those consultations and witnessed the ?10? people they talked to, whilst I spoke with hundreds. 5 staff, 1 security guard, 2 hire cars, accommodation, airfares, meals, and on and on, you even couriered in the coffee and biscuits, what a scam! (OPM)

Again the following week at the library, 02/ and 03/08/16, how sneaky doing that, was it 7000 OR 9000 PAMPLETES SENT OUT IN A LETTER DROP? then leaving copies of the EIS spread out over the tables at the library. Shame. Like the confusion of the community RE Grafton, Pillar Valley, Northern Rivers, Clarence Valley, Lavardia, it is in GLENUGIE. Don't want people thinking CSG protests?

The independent newspaper ran a story on HEADLINE New Grafton Gaol Dialogue Begins, 10/02/16.

So the EIS is being made up, JOBS EVERY WHERE, WELL, NONE FOR GRAFTON, CW COOPER Earthworks Lawrence got a couple of days digging passed the 60cm limit CVC will allow some one waiting for a DA to be approved, all the others came from elsewhere, even the Indigenous Owners of the land and its heritage, were not doing the walk about for OEH?

It is NOT Yaegl Country, it is Gumbaynggirr. EIS, the project falls within the Gumbaynggirr Traditional Country.

So far you've given how many jobs to locals? It's all about locals getting local jobs to bring wealth to the Region, isn't it? That's what we are lead to believe, or meant to swallow. There's going to be hundreds of them, 650 in the latest broacher Infra NSW had here last week, although I could only find 157 in the EIS, 50 during Stage 1, 107 during construction, 157 FTE jobs whilst constructing? How many when opened? 157 with 88 being added over the following 20 years of operation. Mack Sam Consultancy 2016 quote in the EIS 580 to 600 FTE jobs will be required, Daily Examiner stated 250 jobs (04/12/15) Something is not adding up!

EIS app K page1 under the project scenario at least an additional 105 FTE JOBS WILL BE CREATED, THIS EQUALS 0.10% OF THE REGIONS WORKFORCE.

Costs..... Privately designed, built and operated, 80-85 million per year? I estimated at 1000 beds it would cost 162.5b, cost per prisoner, per day, 300 dollars, times 365 days, 106K, then times 1700, 181.5 million per year, is my calculator broken or yours? How can you possible run it at your figure of 80-85million? Oh, you are not adding in things, like

**running costs?** State to pay the difference, for running costs, transport, water, power, etc. etc. Remembering the Member for Clarence saying there is only enough in the budget for 600 beds, and here we are with 1700, any more changes? 2300 beds? 3200 beds? Who knows, you don't.

EIS says 695 to 715? Million, to build, EIS also states **1.2 to 1.3 Billion** project. (Daily Ex 12 August 2016) Minister for Corrections, David Elliot and Commissioner Severin say 2380 jobs, 4165 beds, in the story it gives a list of jails v beds to be added in the **now 3.8 billion** NSW jail push scandal 250,400,480,240,360, equals 1730, plus 1700 Grafton, total 3430, it must be your calculator that is broken as something is not adding up.

Daily Ex 09/16 Mr Severin says 1400 custodian jobs on offer across the state? Surely he knows what he's saying? Surely. Radio 2GF 04/02/16 at 8.06pm the announcer says Peter Severin who they bought out from England is an absolute disaster an absolute disaster.

Jacobs Engineering Group invited to project and engaged 21 December 2015, Privately designed, built and operated by? paid for by the Australian tax payer (OPM) and the Wildlife. Daily Ex said Green field site, you choose the land because it was mostly cleared, and now you are willing to knock over another 30.3 hectare of trees, pay the 7.3 million and destroy the Flora and Fauna, 45 years under Bens care, and 45 minutes under yours, the EIS clearly states this is the case, trees, mammals, birds, frogs, some endangered and some vulnerable species, and even vulnerable species like the brush tailed phascogale not being noted as vulnerable, you really couldn't give a stuff.

**Wet lands**, they sure will be when you pour out your sewerage all over it,

**Option 1**, release into the Mighty Clarence, complete with pathogens and E. coli,

**Option 2**, release into the Cold Steam which runs into the Clarence,

**Option 3**, hold on site in massive sewerage ponds, with over flow into the Cold Stream west of site, after chemical treatment or chlorine/UV stabilising, but still with E. coli and pathogens? EIS states the land is 5 meters deep at southern end of site, 10 meters deep at the north, even it out to 7M depth after works, how much water, sludge, do you think it will take until it is full and with capillary action, flowing into the Wetlands?

**Water**, 16k.s away, Power 24k.s away. EIS mentions CENTRAL POWER PLANT, 24/7 lights, wire, no doubt RAZOR WIRE, what chance do any wildlife have when they swoop down on the razor wire? Have you even considered that? It is NOT MENTIONED in the EIS. As mentioned earlier, WILDLIFE IS PROTECTED BY LAWS, like hell it is you would say, just pay 7.3 million to another Government Department and you can do what you like to it.

The few neighbours will get a few extra birds as they have wings and can generally get out of the way of the construction, other fauna wont, like the WOLLEM FROGLETTE who's dam you will drain, hence as the EIS states there will be mortalities.

Jacobs were there for 2 days? 03/02/16. so they would have seen a whole year worth of wildlife coming and going, through the seasons, feeding on the trees and pray, nesting in the 184 very important tree hollows, and of course breeding, rearing their young,



so they too can return to the safe zone Ben has provided them, oh well, they can bugger off or die on the razor wire.

Where is the mention of the Ducks, Snakes, Lizards, Curlews, Possums, Dung Beetles, Crows & Magpie? Yellow Tailed Black Cockatoo. Didn't see them? Time constraints?

Indigenous info in the EIS, app L 5.5, Due to time limitations not all areas were tested as far as practicable within the time constraints, however extensive excavation to cover additional areas of POTENTIAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL INTEREST WAS NOT UNDERTAKEN AT EVERY PAD.  
Impact direct!

Note **Aboriginal Objects and Places Are Protected under Part 6 of the NSWPA&W Act, harm to any place or object includes any act or omission that destroys, defaces or damages the object or thing**, just in case you don't know. Dimitri Young writes, Ensure, that consultation is fair, equitable & transparent. If the Aboriginal Parties express concern or are opposed to parts of, or, the entire project the OEI expects that evidence will be provided etc.

Safety and Security, of the Grafton residence, EIS states, potential costs associated with decreasing perceptions of safety and security are offset by other considerations, (Locals around the jail site don't matter, they are oldies & young families, when the riot goes down because some inmate doesn't like carrots or his Pray mat isn't the right colour, they will be at the locals door in minutes, take what they like before flagging down a car on the highway and heading to Coffs Harbour or Brisbane, either way the Grafton Police will still be finding how to get into their car, or wiping the pizza crumbs off, it took them 11 hours to go to my friend's house at South Grafton when his family were being attacked).

I really should be writing out my objections to the project, the NGCC, the FLAGSHIP project, but wait there is more, promises, promises, jobs, jobs, jobs. Lies, Lies and more lies, no one will get a job out of this, no one who visits the jail will be going into Grafton shops, 9 more shops closed recently(Daily Ex ..... at the Crown Hotel meeting where you had to pay 20 dollars to attend, we were told by Greg Lake (lake the take) rents would rise, homes within 1k of site values will fall , businesses would be overrun by all the extra employees and their families, and all the services of Grafton will be stretched to accommodate all the new convicts coming into the town with all their issues and needs, sounds like hell to me, the town will be no better off.

I asked Greg Lake how CVC Councillor Des Schroder said (Daily Ex 04/12/15) it would IMPACT the town when he (Des) said it would be a 1.2% impact at 600 beds & up to a 7% impact on the town at 1700 beds.

Des is the CVC director of Environment, Planning and Community, so he would know, and be up to his eyeballs in the project. Naturally Greg gave a smart arse reply of, well you'll have to ask him (Des) I replied that it was in the Daily EX on 04/12. I asked about the possibility of FLY IN FLY OUT workers, is that going to happen? No answer, I added most jails now have Indian and Shi Lankin wardens according to a prisoner talking on 2GF at 7.50pm 06/02/16, I then add the Grafton airport has recently been refurbished and is up for sale, it could

end up like LAGUARDIA JAIL NEW YORK USA but here it would be LAVARDIA JAIL.

Is there any recording of that meeting?

Frankly I don't believe a word you have said so far and I'm not going to start now.

In the Daily EX on p.1 12/08/16 Corrections Minister David Elliot said 2380 jobs and 4165 Beds with a cost of 3.8 Billion dollars spend, as I wrote earlier Troy Grants announcement 18/06/15 was a 1.2 Billion spend, being the biggest investment, David's hype bets Troy's, who is to be believed? In the same report Commissioner Severin states the prisoners will be out of cells 12 hours a day, doing gardening and laundry and education, yet in the EIS it states that 65% of prisoners will be out of cells for 8 hours, they would not be saying two different things in the same news report, surely not.

You are obviously making it up on the run, Take the old man's land, build jail, jobs, jobs, jobs, This FLAGSHIP project for Project NSWs first project is a submarine and should be built overseas, you may think I am crazy for writing like this, but, I have a heart and morals, I can look at myself in a mirror and I sleep very well, how do you get on? I respect animals and the land, I live it.

As stated earlier, the Member for Clarence stated at Tucabia about the corruption and secrecy as reported in the Independent newspaper 10th Feb 2016, funny words to be using, like the words of the Government Property NSW 04/12/2015 letter saying it should be done under the Act but we're not, we'll just call it a purchase, I did mention Ben never wanted to sell His land before and again now, Ben never wanted to sell His land.

He didn't need your money (OPM) He needs HIS dry land and HIS NEW HOME for HIS Future, FLOOD FREE, DEBT FREE, JAIL FREE, HASSLE FREE, can you see what you are doing? My goal is to get Ben HIS LAND back and to keep your money (OPM) so I really should start now on my objection to this stupid jail, using your facts and figures against you, then were off to the Land and Environment Court.

Today 08/09/16 is ARE YOU OK DAY, how do you think Ben is going today? Who cares? I do.

You have broken Him, you are mean spirited mongrels, I have plenty to say about that to all I talk to. But this is about an OBJECTION TO A WRONG DOING and to the NGCC going on land that is not able to take this project, as stated earlier, an Environmental disaster in the making.

600 bed jail for Grafton, the first lie, GREENFIELD SITE, lie no 2, 1700 bed jail on 84-year-old man's land, foolish. EIS info from Final version dated 10 August 2016. How to put all the BS into this objection? Would take a month of work?

We will be going to the Land and Environment Court at the end of this process as you are dogmatic in your efforts to push through with the project even when I and a dozen others write our objections, I have a good Lawyer to work Pro bono for the protection of the area and environment.

Maybe it could end up in the High Court? I'll need to GYPA a list of names for and against.



All I can think of here is to write out my notes, taken from your EIS, so I will attempt to do that in no order, as there is no order in this project, or in my notes,

### **SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT**

App K page 1, Project delivers a positive economic impact of 557 mill in value added terms between 2016 and 2040, increase of 0.45%. That works out to be 2.8 million per year, (that will fix the 127 million debt of the CVC.) In full operation is forecast to deliver 580 to 600 FTE staff in the proposed 1700 bed facility, since some of these jobs replace others in the region via local labour markets effects, the net employment created in the Northern Rivers Regional economy is more modest.

Under the project scenario, at least an additional 105 FTE jobs will be created, this equals 0.10% of the Regions work force. Page 2.1 Total employment creation will peak in construction 157 FTE jobs or 0.16% to the baseline employment. While the economic impacts are large for the Nth Rivers, the NET ECONOMIC IMPACTS are likely to be SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER.

There are some concerns about the NEGATIVE impact the project might have on the capacity of SOCIAL & COMMUNITY services in Grafton, to service any additional demand associated with PAROLEES or INMATES families. Potential costs associated with DECREASING perceptions of SAFETY & SECURITY are offset by other considerations, such as the Grafton community's capacity to support the existing gaol, AND THE DECISION TO locate the project AWAY FROM THE GRAFTON TOWN AREA, thereby minimising any NEGATIVE IMPACT ON IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT LAND HOLDERS. Slightly positive impact on HOUSING DEMAND.

K 4.3 Under the project case, development for a 1700 bed correction centre proceeds, the PRIVATE SECTOR DESIGN (FINANCE) during 2016, construction to start mid-2017, for 36 months, complete mid-2020, PRIVATE SECTOR TO CONSTRUCT, STATE will FUND INITIAL UPGRADES, ROADS, WATER, ELECTRICITY, AND TELECOMS. 65% of inmates engaged in the meaningful activities at any time during the day, education, cleaning, laundry & other INDUSTRY WORK programs. The OLD GAOL TO REMAIN OPEN even once NEW JAIL being 1700 beds.

# Est costs **750 to 780 million**, complete March 2020. Annual costs to run 80 to 85 million, Macksam consultancy 2016, 580 to 600 FTE jobs REQUIRED, these estimates do not include costs of transporting prisoners to court, hospital, etc.

# App K 4.2 NGCC. Project case scenario, the land has been acquired by the state, private build, construction costs **695 to 715 million** for acquisition and connection of public infrastructure, i.e. roads, water, waste water, electricity.

(# denotes the differing costs, broken calculator?)

K 4.3 private sector, operate, services & maintenance services. **TRANSPORTING PRISONERS TO & FROM courts, hospitals, lawyers etc. etc., PAID FOR BY THE STATE** (jail) is expected to operate 8 hours out of cell regime, 65% of inmates engaged

K4.3.4 Maximum possible duration of 25 years at Maximum capacity. **THEN WHAT?**

K.5 560 to 600 jobs over period 2015/2039/40 cost 1.2 to 1.3 billion. K 5 chart 5.2 shows peak then flat line, **maximum additional jobs 157** states the majority of economic activity will be concentrated in the CVLGA where the project is located, at the end of the operations in 2039/40 employment is projected to be higher by 88 FTE jobs compared to the baseline economy, equal **to 0.10% of the** workforce.

K 6 Table 6.1 shows **costs v benefits**

ECONOMIC cost/ increase resource costs Benefit/ increase regional economic activities.  
SOCIAL costs/ concerns over safety & security Benefit/ Impact on housing demand. SOCIAL costs/ impact on social & community services, Benefit/ increase infrastructure.

ENVIRONMENT costs, **benefit 0**, AIR QUALITY IMPACTS OR CARBON EMISSIONS, **benefit 0**, GROUND OR SURFACE WATER IMPACTS, benefit 0, VISUAL AMENITY, **Benefit 0**, NOISE IMPACTS, / **Benefit 0**, BIODIVERSITY ON FLORA & FAUNA, / **Benefit 0**, ABORIGINAL OR HISTORIC HERITAGE, / **Benefit 0**. NOTE items with the 0 represent item NOT BEEN ASSEST within the EIA, given wider scope in the EIS.

K 6.2.4 The development of the project **has required the NSW Government to ACQUIRE** the 195-hectare site from its **former OWNERS**. Given the STATE Government has FULLY COMPENSATED the OWNER based on an INDEPENDENT VALUATION, any redistribution impact of the **ACQUISITION** would likely be negligent, when viewed from a REGIONAL level.

On the project site itself, there may be CONSEQUENCES surrounding the development of AGRICULTURAL LAND, however the town & the NSW Government have been ALERTED TO MITIGATION in their SELECTION OF THE SITE, so any EFFECTS ARE LIKELY TO BE SMALL.

K 6.2.5 p.33 Furthermore, a significant benefit of developing the project **12.5k** outside of the GRAFTON TOWNSHIP is to **SIGNIFICANTLY DIMINISH ANY SAFETY & SECURITY CONCERNS** of the new facility amongst the **GRAFTON RESIDENTS**. NOTE at K 6.2.6 **PROPERTIES WITHIN 1 KILOMETRE VALUE WILL FALL.....**

When does that **60day window open?**

**App I. Jacobs 1.1 IN July 2015 DEVELOPMENT OF CONSENT granted lot 1 DP 1190933 for BENs DREAM HOME**

**1.2, 1700 beds / 12m walls / 100,000 sq. m. TOTAL FOOTPRINT both MAX & MIN 45 HECTARE & 500 CAR CARPARK**



## **BIODIVERSITY ASSESSMENT**

**App- C p 62 Cc6.** Matters of NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT SIGNIFICANTS, 4 MNES that are known or have potential to occur within the project site

GREY HEADED FLYING FOX, VULNERABLE, SWIFT PARROT, REGENT HONEYEATER, ENDANGERED, KOALA, VULNERABLE. (YOU HAVE LEFT OUT) BRUSH TAILED PASCOGALE, WHICH IS ALSO VULNERABLE!!!

19 Migratory species may occur within the study area, of these 11 have a HIGH TO MODERATE potential of occurring in the project site. Many being birds which would utilise the open forest habitat to forage & breed, Table A.3 of App A & figure 6.1.

The field survey positively identifies 2 migratory species in the project site, includes a PAIR OF SATIN FLY CATCHERS.

C7 P 64 AT .8 There is little to no known potential ABORIGINAL OR EUROPEAN HERITAGE items. (REALLY? None found? Due to time constraints? Who looked? Not the local Mob.)

As of the date of your EIS 10/08/16, states, IT IS UNDER SINGLE OWNERSHIP.

30.3 ha clearing of NATIVE VEGETATION.

7.2 The area **of DIRECT IMPACT includes the WHOLE SITE** and includes the Development zone,

7.3 Although the project site is largely cleared, these cleared areas are a mix of derived NATIVE & EXOTIC open grasslands, which PROVIDE HABITAT value for occasional visitors such as the THREATENED BROLGA, BLACK NECKED STORK & COASTAL EMU & THE IMPORTANT HABITAT FOR THE RUFOUS BETTONG.

Remnant paddock trees are also **IMPORTANT** for potential **ROOSTING HABITAT** for **THREATENED BIRD & BAT** species. Due to poor condition of these areas OFFSETS would generally not be required BUT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED as part of the landscaping of the facility, particularly in association with the farm dams/ponds.

7.2.1 REMOVAL OF NATIVE VEGETATION, DIRECT IMPACTS TO PCT's are assessed for vegetation & HABITAT REMOVAL, UNDER THE CURRENT PROPOSAL, CLEARING ON THE PROJECT SITE would encompass ALL PORTIONS OF THE SITE, INCLUDING THE PTC's, open grasslands & paddocks, 30.3 ha (table 7.1) **clearing of native vegetation constitutes a KEY THREATENING PROCESS listed under the TSC Act & EPBC Act.**

CLEARING COASTAL FRESHWATER MEADOWS 0.7 HA, SPOTTED GREY IRONBARK etc. 8.0HA, SPOTTED GREY BOX & IRONBARK 7.0HA, SPOTTED GREY IRONBARK & PINK BLOODWOOD 10.6HA, SPOTTED GREY IRONBARK PINK BLOODWOOD 4.0HA, TOTAL 30.3 HA.

## **LOSS OF HABITAT FOR FAUNA**

LOSS of FOOD SOURCE IS LIKELY TO **EFFECT THREATENED NECTAR FEEDING BIRDS** such as **LITTLE LORIKEET, BLACK CHINNED HONEY EATERS, MIGRATORY SWIFT PARROTS, AS WELL AS squirrel gliders & grey headed flying foxes.** Future discussion on IMPACTS to GREY HEADED F.FOX is discussed in section 7.5 MATTERS for FUTURE CONSIDERATION.

7.5 AT p 73 the SEARS for the proposal & the BIODIVERSITY assessment **HAS NOT** identified any matters for further consideration for the IMPACTS TO LANDSCAPE FEATURES, NATIVE VEG, & OR, SPIECES & POPULATIONS. (TAKE ANOTHER LOOK)

C7 INVERTEBRATES (LOSS OF FOOD) **IMPACTS to this habitat WOULD REDUCE FORAGING FOR, BROWN TREE CREEPERS, GREY CROWNED BABBLERS, VARIED SITTELLAS, SQUIRREL GLIDERS, BRUSH TAILED PASCOGALES, MICROCHIROPTERIAN BATS, LOSS OF FORREST HABITAT WOULD ALSO REDUCE PREY, IMPORTANT FOR THREATENED RAPTOR SPECIES SAUH AS, MASKED OWL, POWERFUL OWL, LITTLE EAGLE, SQUARE TAILED KITE.**

**8 THREATENED listed as VULNERABLE, 83 FAUNA noted in EIS as Threatened, 55 birds, 9 terrestrial mammals, 4 bats, 9 frogs, 6 reptiles, 1 fish.**

**LOSS OF TREE HOLLOWES & WOODY DEBRIS (sheltering & breeding habitat) There is an abundance of Hollow Bearing Trees & Standing dead trees, 184 HOLLOWES, DIRECTLY REMOVED DURING CONSTRUCTION IMPACTING ON THREATENED FAUNA particularly, BRUSH TAILED PHASCOGATE, SQUIRREL GLIDER, FORREST OWL, LITTLE LORIKEET.** Loss of tree hollows is KTP listed under the TSC Act, a similar density of tree hollows next door.

**WALLUM FROGLET, (NOTE) THIS IS THE FROG THAT STOPPED the Ardarni coalmine for a while, in India at present there is a court case involving Ardani about how animals have the right to life as much as humans, and here you are with,**

The project is likely to **REMOVE THESE HABITATS FROM THE SITE & THERE FOR IMPACT ON POPULATIONS OF THE THREATENED WALLUM FROGLET,**

**7.3.6 INJURY & MORTALITY OF FAUNA, the THREATENED RUFOUS BETTONG would need to be re-located from site depending on the location of NESTING SITES & HOME RANGE.**

THERE ARE **POTENTIAL VEHICLE COLLISIONS** WITH MACROPODES, INCLUDING THE RUFOUS BETTONG as well as COASTAL EMU as a result of increased CONSTRUCTION & OPERATONAL TRAFFIC, birds are generally mobile & can move quickly to avoid HABITAT REMOVAL, other species such as **FROGS, RETILES & GROUND DWELLING MAMMELS, RESULTING IN INJURY OR MORTALITY**



App C table 7.6 KOALA HABITAT TOOL, (DOT E 2015) TOTAL SCORE 6/10 HABITAT the **IMPACT** area is **CRITICAL to the SERVIVAL OF KOALAS**. In case you have missed the last bit, **HABITAT IN THE IMPACT AREA IS CRITICAL TO THE SERVIVAL OF THE KOALAS**.

**NSW THREATENED SPIECIES CONSERVATION ACT 1995, protected under the NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE ACT 1974**

NOTE in the EIS around 7.2.? it says for future info GO TO 7.11.2, there is NO 7.11.2 it only goes to 7.8 so I'd like you **to send me the info between 7.8 & 7.11.2** thankyou.

### **2.3.3 Draft North Coast Region Plan** March 2016 EIS p.9

**1/** PROTECT ENVIRONMENT- as well as Aboriginal & Historic Heritage, & Productive Farmland,

**2/** Provide Great Places to live in Vibrant Communities by offering housing choices in the 3 Regional Cities,

**3/** Provide housing to meet the changing demographic needs of the North Coast Community,

**4/** Create a prosperous economy by focusing the provision of jobs opportunities in the growing sectors of HEALTH, education & Tourism,

**5/** Improve transport connectivity & freight networks. NOTE (any mention of JAIL)

### **4.2.7.1 Ru 2 zone under CVLEP 2011** EIS p28 RU 2 RURAL LANDSCAPE, OBJECTIVES OF THE ZONE....

1/ TO ENCOURAGE SUSTAINABLE **PRIMARY INDUSTRY** PRODUCTION BY MAINTAINING & ENHANCING THE NATUAL RESOUCSE BASE,

2/ TO MAINTAIN THE **RURAL LANDSCAOE CHARACTER** OF THE LAND

3/ TO PROVIDE FOR A RANGE OF COMPATIBLE LAND USES, **INCLUDING EXTENSIVE AGRICULTURE**

4/TO PROVIDE FOR LESS INTESIVE **AGRICULTURE PRODUTION**

5/ TO **PREVENT DISPERSED RURAL SETTLEMENT**

6/ TO **MINIMISE CONFLIC** BETWEEN LAND USES WITHIN THE ZONE & WITH ADJOINING ZONES

7/ TO ENSURE THAT DEVELOPMENT **DOES NOT UNREASONABLY INCREASE** THE DEMAND FOR **PUBLIC SERVICES OR PUBLIC SERVICE**

8/ TO ENSURE DELEOPMENT IS **NOT ADVERSELY IMPACTED BY ENVIRONMENT HAZARDS**

AS YOU HAVE BASED THE WHOLE PROJECT ON BENS LAND BEING ZONED RU2, AND I HAVE WRITTEN OUT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE RU2 ZONE, HOW DOES BUILDING A CONCRETE JUNGLE AT BENS LAND FIT INTO THE RU2 ZONE? AS TOO WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF THE REGION PLAN ABOVE,

THIS PROJECT OF YOURS DOES NOT FIT IN TO THESE POLICIES OF THE LAND USE UNDER RU2.

Two words added to RU2 zoning in the CVLEP 2011, RE, correction centre, **WHEN?**

I have a note to self at this point in my notes to go and look at a Section, RE; crimes Act 1999 so I better have a look.

**CLEARLY YOU ARE BLIND.....**

### WATER / WASTE WATER

#### Cost 14 to 26 million

2.3.4 P11 The working paper (app D.D) & Wastewater services paper (app D.E) **I have looked for these appendix's but they do not exist. Send me copies please.**

**But you have stated on p11 of EIS HAVE DEMONSTRATED THAT RETICULATED WATER & SEWRAGE WILL BE PROVIDED.**

D 4.2 Option 1/ no reuse 215 ML/year into CLARENCE RIVER, option is discounted, as it provides NO BENEFIT in terms of saving water. Option 2/ reuse within the project, AVERAGE EXCESS TREATED EFFULUENT TO DISCHARGE 0.35ML/year OR 59%, Option 3/ reuse & irrigation (crops)

p.9... DAM with SPILL WAY, overflow into COLDSTREAM

Treatment plant located away from jail because of noise and odour, screenings & grit removed offsite weekly, WHERE TO? NO MENTION IN EIS.

D.5 Conclusion p.27 nothing confirmed till Stage 2 (note. Future works need Future DAs.)

Head line Independent newspaper 08/07/15, Saving the Valley's Services Starts Now, then 15/07/15. Who will secure the Valley's WATER SUPPLY? The 08/07/15 story has a mention on p.2, NEW 600 BED JAIL FOR GRAFTON (VALUE IS COMMERCIAL in CONFIDENCE) (I know it is well over what can be afforded, (OPM) The Yamba sewerage plant cost 43.3 million, I have included a copy of what it is like, and what the neighbours will be seeing.



## **ELECTRICITY**

App D Electricity 15 Mega Volts from KOOLKAN 24ks away

**Option 1**, via roads with consent of CVC,

**Option 2**, via Private Properties with compensations \$\$\$ do the land owners know???

**Option 2** the cheapest (OPM)

Plan p.12 INMATES 1700, STAFF & VISITORS 650, EQUALS OUT TO 2350 PEOPLE WHO'S SEWRAGE .... will. **DISCHARGE TO THE ENVIRONMENT** OF ANY EXCESS EFFLUENT THAT CAN NOT BE USED, A SUTABLE **LOCATION OF DISCHARGE OF EFFLUENT IS REQUIRED.**

**1/ CLOSEST, WATER BODY, THE COLD STREAM 1.6K'S, NEEDS TO BE INVESTIGATED FOR POTENTIAL IMPACTS TO WETLAND**

**2/ CLARENCE RIVER, VIA ROADS IS 20K'S**

**3/ AIRPORT 3.5K'S / FUTURE STUDIES ARE REQUIRED TO DETERMINE MOST APPROPRIATE.**

## **STORM WATER / DRAINAGE**

D 3 AT 3.1 THERE IS A ROADSIDE CHANNEL BESIDE THE **NORTH BOUND LANE OF AVENUE ROAD.** WHAT NORTH BOUND LANE?? HAVE YOU SEEN HOW WIDE AVENUE ROAD IS?

**YOUR MAD!!! AVENUE RD IS ABOUT 2M WIDE .... NORTH BOUND LANE. LOL** see figure 3.1 at App E p.6 or figure 17, p.30 App H.

**APP D 1.2 p1 IN JULY 2015 DA CONSENT FOR A DWELLING HOUSE WAS GRANTED & CONSTRUCTION OF THE HOUSE AND ADJACENT SHED IS COMPLETE.**

**NOTE, YOU FORCED BEN TO INSURE A HOUSE YOU OWN, AND WHEN HE GOT THE INSURANCE PAPERS ON A THURSDAY, THE NEXT DAY YOU SENT HIM A LETTER SAYING YOU WERE GOING TO DEMOLISH IT, HIS DREAM HOME, IM SURE HE MUST HAVE SOME CARVING KNIVES ABOUT HIS KITCHEN SO WHY DON'T YOU JUST STAB HIM THROUGH THE HEART YOU HEARTLESS MONGRELS.**

**Now He is being harassed over an easement He has never had to use as He owned the land, threats off court action if it remains unpaid.**

D table 1.1 KEY PROJECT COMPONENTS

THE STAGED SSD APPLICATION SEEKS APPROVAL FOR,

**1/** A CONCEPT PROPOSAL FOR THE NGCC

**2/** FIRST STAGE SITE CLEARANCE & PREP WORK **3/** TOGETHER REFERRED TO AS THE PROPOSAL.

**AS I WROTE IN THE BEGINNING OF THIS OBJECTION, YOU ARE AWAITING APPROVAL TO YOUR DA, AND YOU HAVE BEEN DOING WORKS ON BENS LAND THAT HAVE TO BE ILLEGAL.**

DON'T THINK YOU HAD PERMISSION FROM BEN WHO YOU HAVE HAD A GAG ORDER OVER. The people from Jacobs couldn't tell me the owners name.

**GAS** NO GAS AVAILABLE, TRUCK TO SITE IS UNLIKELY, TO ECONOMICALLY UNVIALE. (my words, PLUS MOST GAS IS SOLD REALLY CHEAP TO OVERSEAS COUNTRIES.)

**STORM WATER** ON SITE DETENTION TO HOLD 5.709 CUBIC METRES. **STINKY** DID YOU TELL THE NIEGHBOURS? MEETS SEARS, SECRETARY'S ENVIRONMENT ASSESSEMENT REQUIREMENTS No 12 & 14, maybe you should get the secretary to live there next to the? ha's of stink. Project satisfies criteria of schedule 1 of the state environment planning policy (state & regional development 2011) as value exceeds \$ 30 million. 30 million will hardly fix a pot hole these days. **SSD**. Joke.

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At chapter 4, relevant legislation & policy, p.25 at .7 Utilities services infrastructure in the vicinity of the site is limited. Telstra communications conduits & aerial electrical cables are present but NO GAS infer. Is provided, meaning ALL power requirements will be provided via electricity.

The provisions of communication & utility services are addressed in section 7.11.2. As I stated earlier, the EIS at this point only goes to 7.8 so I need copies of info between 7.8 and 7.11.2. ASAP Thanks. What is the CARBON OUTPUT BY THE PROJECT? BEING RELEASED IN Koolkan.



## NON INDIGINOUS HERITAGE WORKING PAPER.

**App N** Executive Summary at .5 No heritage items 01/08/16. P.1 1.2 locality approx. 12.5ks.

**FROM WHERE?** Sign at Wants lane reads 17k to Ulmarra / 17k to Grafton. Zoned RU2 Rural Landscape under the CVLEP 2011.

Development for the purpose of a correctional centre is permissible WITH CONSENT.

Avenue Road will go over the Highway at Six Mile Lane upgrade, NO direct connection to Highway? I found a strange part here whilst reading in bold that said (**ERROR! SOURCE NOT FOUND**) I PRESUME IT IS INFORMATION YET TO BE RELEASED ABOUT THE DIRECT CONNECTION TO THE SITE from the Highway.

Staff amenities? (WET BAR?) Stage 1 works 6-12 months, 50 jobs.

1.4 Proposed objectives, at .6 Produce strong economical & social benefits to the LOCAL GRAFTON REGION, the NORTHERN NSW region & the BROADER NSW COMMUNITY. (bugger the locals aye) and at .7 Be a valuable Physical asset for the duration of the OPERATING PHASE & beyond. It will certainly be PHYSICAL TO THE EYES.

### ABORIGANAL HERITAGE

Pillar Valley corridors of movement, was important for its swamps and resources.

EIS DATED 10/08/16, Subsurface testing done 30/04/16.

Yaegal survey 01/02/16, and the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Comments on the ACHER and associated AAR were received by phone on 05/08/16, Michael Randall SENIOR communicated on behalf of Michael Randall JUNIOR & Deirdre Randal that there were NO issues with ACHAR or AAR & NO changes to the documentation was required- future details of consultation can be found in App B (note) there were no future details RE Aboriginals in EIS as stated, please **send me copies of this info** too.

Clearing of 30.3 ha of Native Vegetation, consisting of Modified Grazing land,

BYRNE (1985) IDENTIFIED ITEMS AND LANDFORMS, a PREVIOUSLY RECORDED BORA GROUND & BURIAL SITE IN THE ULMARRA SHIRE indicated the likelihood of similar WOMANS PLACES occur in the Valley.

App L p.27 although some of these sites & places are at a distance from the project site, it remains central to these places of CULTURAL; SIGNIFICANCE. The project site lies in a region that would have afforded easy access for Aboriginal People travelling from the western regions of the Coastal Range to Pillar Valley, see table 5.2, describes those cultural places more associated with the project site.

Indigenous info in the EIS, app L 5.5, Due to time limitations not all areas were tested as far as practicable within the time constraints, however extensive excavation to cover additional areas of POTENTIAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL INTEREST **WAS NOT UNDERTAKEN** AT EVERY PAD.

5 PADS 1 extensively, 4 contained sub-surface Aboriginal deposits comprising low density scatters of stone ARTIFACTS. 4x significance LOW & IMPACT DIRECT. No other cultural material was found & none was recovered from PAD 4. (DON'T FORGET THE TIME RESTRASINTS).

Impact direct! Note..... Aboriginal Objects and Places Are Protected under Part 6 of the NSWP&W Act, harm to any place or object includes any act or omission that destroys, defaces or damages the object or thing, just in case you don't know.

Dimitri Young writes, Ensure, that consultation is fair, equitable & transparent. If the Aboriginal Parties express concern or are opposed to parts of, or, the entire project the OEH expects that evidence will be provided etc.

24/02/16 GRAFTON NGERRIE LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL. The project site falls within the Gumbaynggirr Traditional Country.

A question was asked 04/02/16 in a **letter to** George Tonna, **from** Vanessa Edmonds, please confirm project falls within Yaegl & Gumbaynggirr Tradition Country, answer given 18/02/16 by phone between JACOBS Amanda Goldfarb & Roger Mehr, OEH- (Tamworth?) RE Yaegl Boundary, Roger confirms area falls within Yaegl LALC boundary & **NOT** Grafton LALC.

(NOTE) this is incorrect going by the maps RE land council boundaries.

I sent a text to Roger Mehr 19/08/16 asking a question about an important item, he never answered which makes me query why a man in Tamworth was even working on the project.

27/01/16. Grafton-Ngerrie LALC requested a map of location, received? No. Yaegl people are all through the CONSULTATION LOG you started out talking to the NGERRIE-GRAFTON LACA, 27<sup>TH</sup> January, then not again.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

INFRASTRUCTURE NSW ACKNOWLEDGES THE TRADITION CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND, ON WHOSE LAND THE SITE FOR THE NEW GRAFTON CORRECTIONAL CENTRE WILL BE LOCATED.

INFRASTRUCTURE NSW RESPECTS ELDERS PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF THE GRAFTON AND CLARENCE VALLEY REGION.

WHAT A HIDE, NONE OF THE THREE LAND COUNCILS WANTED TO TALK TO YOU HENCE THERE IS NO NAMES PUT ON THE WELCOME, WHAT A HIDE TO PRETEND YOU CARE NOW.

YOU ARE BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE OVER INDIGENOUS HERITAGE ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, JAILS OVER CEREMONY AREAS, HIGHWAYS THROUGH BURIAL GROUNDS THAT ARE A MASSACHRE SITE, BREAKING SONG LINES, WIPING OUT WILDLIFE AND HERITAGE

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RMS really should re think the road over the Piccanniny Creek Massacre site! And the destruction of FLURA & FAUNA around Franklins Road, Bald Knob Road and Kungala Road to Halfway Creek areas. Taking away the trees which formed a sound barrier to the local environments. Along with the CLOSURE of the MATILDA Service station and soon enough friends at JACKS EGGS.

Infrastructure NSW should go looking for the equivalent document to the one in SA. Letters Patent, written by King William the 4<sup>th</sup>. The Kings Seal. Giving rights to Indigenous Peoples the rights to their land. There must be one regarding NSW and in fact there must be one in regards to the whole of Australia. I need to visit My Kings Plate Friend for more info.

App E p.24 SITE INSPECTION. In general, the site was cleared land dominated by grass with a sparse covering of tall trees, the site contains A VACANT RESIDENCIAL DWELLING, SHED & SEPTIC SYSTEM, as well as unused STOCK YARDS.

**HELLO, WHAT YOU ARE DESCRIBING HERE IS BEN JONES'S BRAND NEW DREAM HOME AND HIS LIFE STYLE, AND HIS WORK THAT CREATED THE GRAZING LAND.**

The project site is assumed to have predominately been used for Grazing cattle, both cattle and horses were observed on site.

**HELLO, DOESN'T THIS MEAN THAT IT IS A GRAZING PROPERTY WITH CATTLE AND CATTLE YARDS! It's a grazing property.**

At 6. Site conditions & surrounding environment, DURING INSPECTION ON 02/02/16 IT APPEARED THE HOUSE WAS EMPTY.

**HELLO LOOK IN THE WINDOW AND SEE THE OLD MANS BED AND TABLE AND WORK OUT HE COULD NOT MOVE IN BECAUSE YOU MONGRELS HAD CRUSHED HIM AND HIS DREAM, ABOUT TO STEAL HIS HOME AND FUTURE, Can't YOU SEE WHAT YOU ARE DOING.**

When is the **60day window open for the effected people of the neighbourhood** to claim compensation for **losses to property values as per the Act?**

What is with FORCING Ben to insure the house when you own it, for now, RMS insured the 21 homes they acquired for the new Grafton bridge, wherever that is? Then when Ben got the insurance papers, you sent a letter he received the next day saying you will be demolishing it. Now the easement issue. An easement He has never had to use as when He opened the gate He was on His land as the easement is for the landlocked block behind Bens.

I noticed a house on the Avenue Road that also looks out over Old 6 Mile Lane, and hence it too sees the jail site in its view, there is no mention of it in the EIS.

SOME OF THE newspaper headlines, UNIONS JAIL RESERVATION, JAIL ADS HINT AT TROUBLE, EX BOSS SAYS, casual jobs on offer at prison. MORE INMATES FOR NEW JAIL, MP reveals Grafton facility to house at least 1000 beds, Numbers up at jail. MIXED VERDICT FROM JAIL JOB INFO SESSION. PILLAR VALLEY SITE FOR PRISON, construction to take about two years and provide jobs for 300. INSIDE THE VALLEY'S NEW JAIL, (note this one) 600 cells

1000 surge 350 maximum 250 jobs. UNIONS JAIL RESERVATION, EXTRA CAPACITY IN NSW PRISONS SYSTEM GOOD, SAYS PSA, BUT PRIVATE CONTRACTS NOT WORTH IT, UNIONS CONTRACTOR FEARS.

30/11/15!!!! **JAIL SHOCK, BEN TOLD HIS DREAM HOME WILL BE SITE OF NEW PRISON.** 600 BED GAOL FOR GRAFTON. GO TO JAIL IF YOU WANT A JOB. HELPING CRIMS GO STRAIGHT.

Coffs Harbour Advocate 13/04/16 p.8 AUSTRALIA'S WORST PERPS FOR GRAFTON, NO mention of this at the meetings or in the Daily EX! In the Independent 13/07/16, CVC Property Sales set to begin? They (CVC) are well in debt.

The one about jobs being of interest as the Justice Minister Michael Kennan said 12/09/16 on ABC SHOW AM, CRIMINALS ARE NARTOROUSLY HARD TO REHABILITATE IN JAIL. So what is it all about then?

Today it was announced on ABC radio news, 130 of the 150 TEACHING STAFF will be LAID OFF!!!!!! All about jobs jobs jobs, isn't it?

**FLOOD ZONE** Look at Figure 4.1 FLOOD EXTENT p.12 App F, see how important the land is, to Ben and to His friends in flood time! What the picture does not show is that the flood goes for miles & miles, all the way through to Bens other house which of course totally under water by the time the flood has reached His HIGHLAND BLOCK!!!!!!!!!! Where He has BUILT HIS NEW HOME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**FUTURE WORKS NEED FUTURE DAs.**

MUST ADD HERE, ARE **ANY OF MY WORDS WRITTEN IN THIS OBJECTION** ABOUT NO JAILS?

You have photos of My signs and know of others, none say no jails, all about BENS. You removed the one of gate as you did not want CRONIES seeing it, THE TRUTH about ownership.

Yesterday's Senate was interesting, I will need a copy from the Hansard about the Bondi Pavilion and Waverly Council, as it is a similar type of story, PPP scam. P.M. and Mayor.



## **CONCLUSION**

This project cannot go ahead at that site, it will ruin the environment, it has ruined a man's livelihood, His dreams and His future. The neighbours and the wildlife will have their lives destroyed, their right to peaceful living, property value losses, interrupted vision, noise, dust and smells, and the threat to their families by escapee's, increased.

The project should go behind the Acmena Boys Jail on Swallow Road South Grafton, where the water, sewerage and power infrastructure is available now, there is plenty of land and only a few residences to screw over like you have done to 84-year-old Ben Jones.

My goal is to protect the rights of my friends at Glenugie, to get Bens land back under His ownership and for Him to keep your (OPM) money for the disruption to His life so far.

I am keeping some powder dry for the upcoming court cases that we will be going to, if the project continues at this site. I have documents that should have you all fired and the NSW governments bought to their knees, in my eyes, I have a strong case, so, after reading the 2 dozen objections from the few people with the guts to write one, we will see what your next move will be.

Ben has been asked to submit an objection but thinks He'll have a heart attack, His Niece I have asked too, I've had no reply, assuming she won't be doing one, as it has caused them both much heartache. You should reconsider for the wildlife, the Environment, the neighbourhood and the neighbours. And of course for Ben, His livelihood and wellbeing.

With all of what I have written about above, using your own facts, the project is not worth doing, 0.10% best scenario for the Regions Workforce. 0.16% best scenario for FTE jobs. 0.45% best scenario for 20 years of Value added. (remembering that is only 2.8million/year) Basically pointless. Ben could earn better figures by selling high grade beef.

By putting it in Swallow Road South Grafton, you can save 100's of millions of Tax payer's money (OPM). It will be in Grafton, have water, electricity, sewerage, close to all the shops you claim will benefit from the project, close to Police, fire and rescue, hospitals and services, closer still to those things needed to service a jail.

The Environment will thank you, the wildlife and wetlands will thank you, and I will thank you for not having to go through all this again in any courts, (High or the Land & Environment) When Ben has His land back and keeps your (OPM) money, I think He will even thank you, maybe, as what you are doing to Him is total wrong and I believe illegal. The Indigenous Heritage will be saved, and lives can return to normal.

I rang the Elder abuse line who couldn't do anything as it is not in their brief, but were very interested in the case, so too are some news reporters, and when I find the right reporter I will sing like a bird. When I can get others to listen, like the Indigenous Peoples Council and Human rights people, we should be able to bring this to the House of Parliament to be discussed on the level it deserves.

Australia is Indigenous land, always was, always will be.







# New Grafton Correctional Centre

Community Update – August 2016

Infrastructure NSW has prepared an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Stage 1 of the new Grafton Correctional Centre which, when complete, will accommodate up to 1,700 beds. The new complex will deliver hundreds of jobs to the region during and after construction and will create long-term economic opportunities locally through the procurement of goods and services.

You are invited to learn more about the project at a series of upcoming community information sessions.

## About the new Grafton Correctional Centre

The new Grafton Correctional Centre will be a safe and secure correctional facility servicing the northern part of NSW. It will be the primary correctional complex for all correction operations from the Queensland border in the north, Kempsey in the south-east and Tamworth in the south-west.

The complex will be responsible for remand, reception and placement for specified offender groups. It will feature state-of-the-art security and surveillance and will provide rehabilitation services to reduce reoffending.

It will be located on a 195-hectare site at Lavadia approximately 12.5 kilometres south-east of Grafton. Infrastructure NSW has started the planning approval process for the project which will come in two stages. Stage 1 is to determine the concept proposal and early works such as bulk excavation and site stabilisation works, and Stage 2 is approval for the actual design and construction of the facility by the preferred consortium.

Earlier this year, the NSW Government called for Expressions of Interest from the private sector to design, build, operate and maintain the new facility.

A short-list of three consortia was announced in June with the successful applicants, GEO Consortium, Greater Futures Partnership and Northern Pathways Partnership, now participating in the Request for Proposal stage. It is expected the successful consortium will be appointed mid-2017.

Construction of the new correctional complex is expected to begin in 2017 and be completed by 2020. It will be designed to operate in accordance with innovative best practice, both in providing safety and security and positive management of inmates.

## Planning update

A State Significant Development (SSD) Application for Stage 1 of the project has been prepared to satisfy planning approval requirements of Part 4.1 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. The SSD includes a Stage 1 EIS covering the concept proposal and early works.

The EIS has been lodged with the Department of Planning and Environment and is on public exhibition from mid-August to mid-September. Following the exhibition, a Preferred Project Report will be prepared to address all submissions received. Approval for Stage 1 of the new Grafton Correctional Centre will then be sought from the Minister for Planning.



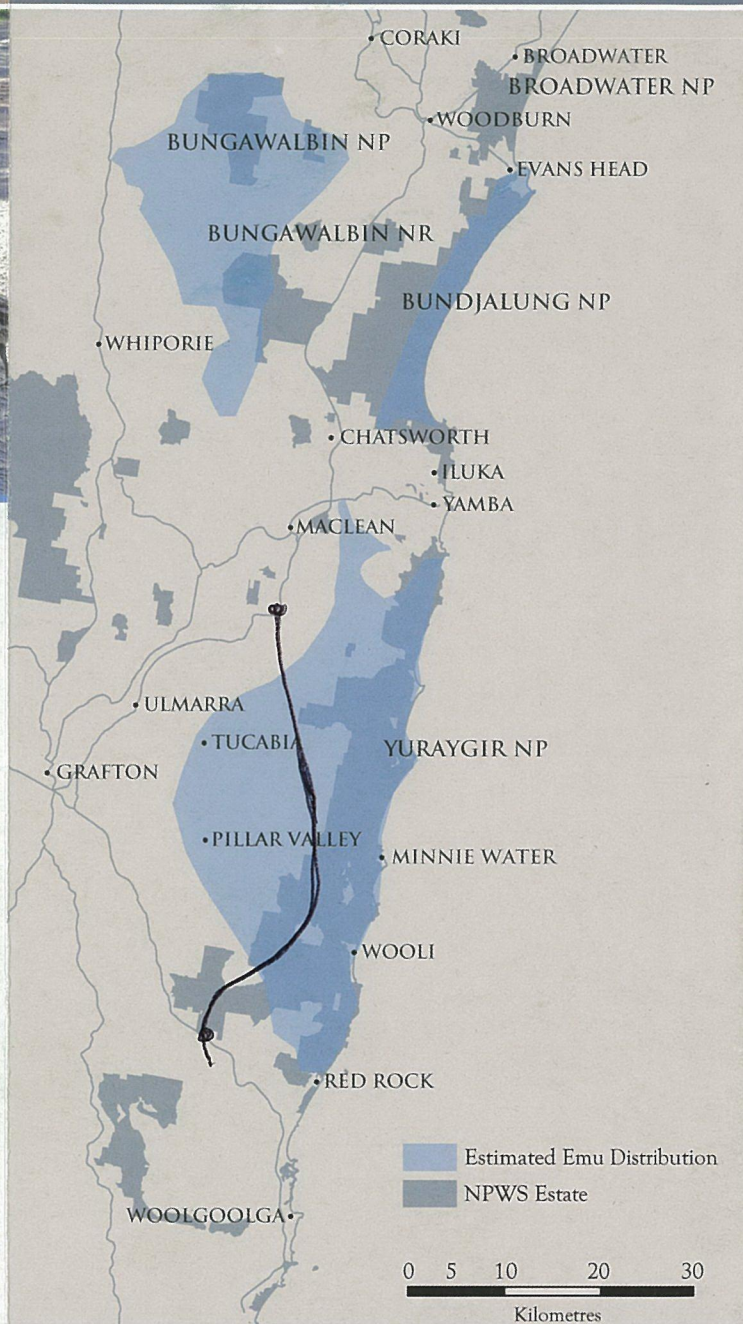
# SAVE OUR EMUS



# DISTRIBUTION



# EMUS AT RISK



## WHAT WE ARE DOING

- Road signage to alert motorists to the presence of emus and chicks.
- Emu awareness programs in local schools.
- Annual community emu census on the NSW North Coast.
- Research into diet, range, genetics and threats to nesting birds.
- Vertebrate pest control targeting foxes, dogs and pigs.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

### Three simple ways to help save our coastal emus:

- Slow down on coastal roads and look out for emus (emus have very little road sense).
- Keep your dog under control at all times.
- Report emu sightings to the National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS) – particularly sightings outside the core range illustrated on the map. NPWS would like to know date, number of birds (adults or chicks), distance to nearest cross road, and your contact details if NPWS needs more information from you.

### Report emu sightings to:

NPWS Alstonville office (02) 6627 0200  
Email: [northernrivers.region@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:northernrivers.region@environment.nsw.gov.au)  
NPWS Grafton office (02) 6641 1500  
Email: [northcoast.region@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:northcoast.region@environment.nsw.gov.au)





# EMUS AT RISK



# EMU BIOLOGY



# EMU THREATS



Emus on the New South Wales north coast belong to an isolated population, thought to number less than 120 individuals, based on community surveys conducted between 2000-2010. This population of coastal emus is listed as Endangered under the NSW *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* and all emus are protected under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.

Coastal emus now occur only between Evans Head (south of Ballina) and Red Rock (north of Coffs Harbour), the last remaining coastal occurrence in NSW for this iconic Australian bird.

Emus utilise a variety of vegetation types, ranging from coastal heath and woodlands to plantation and cultivated farmlands. The emu is semi-nomadic, moving through the landscape to feed on a variety of seasonal nutrient-rich seeds, grasses and fruits.



- Emus pair up in February (females sometimes breed with more than one male) and remain together for five months marking out territory.
- Females lay a clutch of eggs (up to 20) between April-June, then wander off to join non-breeding birds.
- Adult males incubate the eggs continuously for eight weeks; losing 15-30% of their body weight in the process.
- Nesting emus are extremely vulnerable to fires, predation and disturbance.
- Chicks emerge in August/September and are about 15cm high with stripey plumage – they are called ‘stripeys’.
- The adult male is very protective of his young brood and should not be approached.
- Chicks begin foraging after two to seven days, eating berries, seeds, flowers and young shoots of native plants.
- Juveniles lose their stripes at four months old and develop black plumage around their head and neck. They are called ‘blackheads’.
- Emus do not breed until over two years old.
- Males may only breed every second year as the young from the previous clutch stay with the father until 18 months of age.

The greatest known threat to the coastal emu is collisions with vehicles. Over 60 road deaths have been recorded in the last 10 years.

Other threats include:

- Risk of local extinction due to small population size and isolation.
- Clearing and fragmentation of habitat for agriculture and urban development.
- Burning of suitable habitat at too-frequent intervals.
- Disturbance of nesting birds and predation of eggs and young by foxes, dogs and feral pigs.
- Deliberate killing by poisoning or shooting.





# A tale of two fences

## In the city

Louise lives in the city near a park and found a glider caught on a barbed wire security fence. She worked with the Council to find a solution. The Council replaced the barbed wire with plain wire and planted more trees near the fence to shorten the gliding distance.



Glider membranes are extremely vulnerable to barbed wire

## In the country

Geoff, who lives on a rural property with cattle, found a flying-fox caught on his barbed wire fence. The bat had come to feed on a nearby native shrub.


Geoff decided to keep the shrub as it was an important feed tree for various animals. He covered the top two strands of barbed wire near the shrub with polypipe painted white.



## What can you do?

- Encourage wildlife friendly fencing in your local area. Talk to neighbours, councils, NRM groups, fencing contractors and suppliers.
- Monitor barbed wire fences in your local area. Report any entangled animals to your local wildlife rescue organisation, found at [www.fauna.org.au](http://www.fauna.org.au)

Do not approach a trapped animal as it is likely to struggle and do more damage. Where possible, leave the rescue to an experienced carer who will untangle the animal with minimal further injury. Do not handle flying-foxes.



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## 86% of recorded wildlife entanglements occur on the top strand of barbed wire fences



Each year thousands of animals face a cruel death entangled on barbed wire fences.

Many nocturnal animals like bats, gliders and owls fail to see the fence or cannot clear the height in windy conditions. Over 75 wildlife species have been recorded as fence victims, most caught on the top strand.

Fences close to water prevent wetland birds from landing and taking off safely  
[www.ozcranes.net](http://www.ozcranes.net)

Kangaroos and emus can get hung up on plain wire and mesh fences. If the fence is too high the animals' legs can become caught in a twist of wire. Low wires and tension droppers may prevent larger animals from squeezing through the fence.

Wildlife need to move freely and safely across our landscape unless being purposely excluded for safety and other reasons.



These kangaroos failed to jump the high fence and were caught by their legs. Blocked by the dropper, they could not scramble through or under the fence.

## Designing friendly fences

### Stop and think

Do you really need a fence? How will a fence affect the wildlife? If there are no animals to keep in or out, could a line of native trees do the job?

### Avoid barbed wire

When fencing livestock, consider using a combination of plain wire and electric fencing. If using barbed wire, the main issues are fence placement, visibility and type of top strand, especially in entanglement hotspots.



### Reduce tangle hotspots

To reduce the risk to wildlife, avoid placing barbed wire fences on ridge lines, near feed trees, across wildlife corridors, over or near water bodies.



To remedy an existing hotspot:

- replace barbs with plain wire
- cover barbs with split polypipe
- make the fence more visible.

Visit our website for details of a tool to easily split polypipe

### Increase visibility

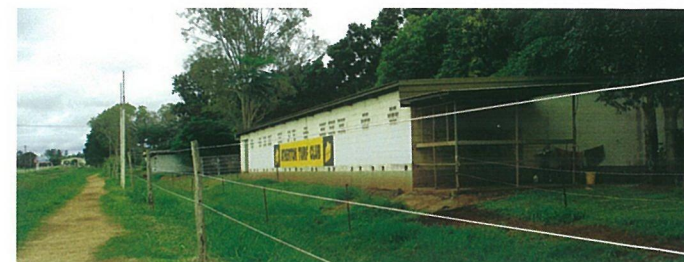
Wire gates are often hard to see and a danger to humans and wildlife. Plastic bags offer a short-term fix. A better way to improve visibility is to use white nylon sighter wires or white electric fence tapes that flicker in the breeze.



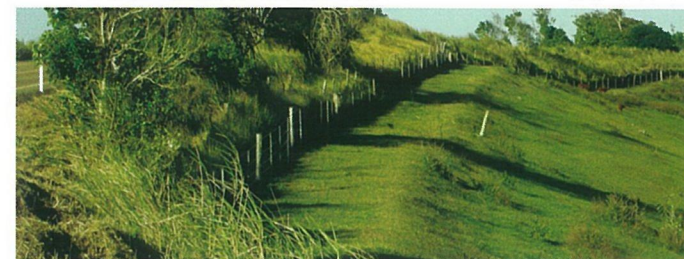
## Friendly fencing in action



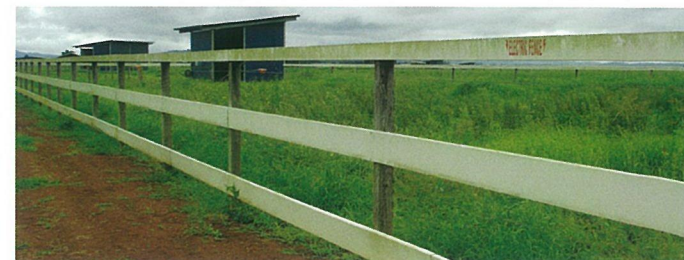
Go to our website for details of the range of available white sighter wires. This includes nylon coated, solid nylon and electric wires.



40mm white electric fence tape on the top strand increases visibility. It can be used active or inactive on all fence types, including barbed wire.



Wise placement of a fence can make a big difference. To avoid the risk of a tangle hotspot on the ridgeline this fence was placed below the ridge.



Post and rail fences can be made from wood or plastic. This one is also electric.

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## Yamba sewerage project comes in \$6.9 million under estimates

**The Yamba sewerage augmentation project is now complete and has come in close to \$7 million under the original cost estimates.**

The total cost of the project, which was completed at the end of June, was \$43.3 million – 14% below the original cost estimate of \$50.4 million.

Clarence Valley Council general manager, Scott Greensill, said that for the project to be delivered so far below budget was a fantastic achievement and a tribute to everyone involved in the project.

"I would particularly like to thank the Yamba Water Recycling Management Committee, which later became a project reference group," he said.

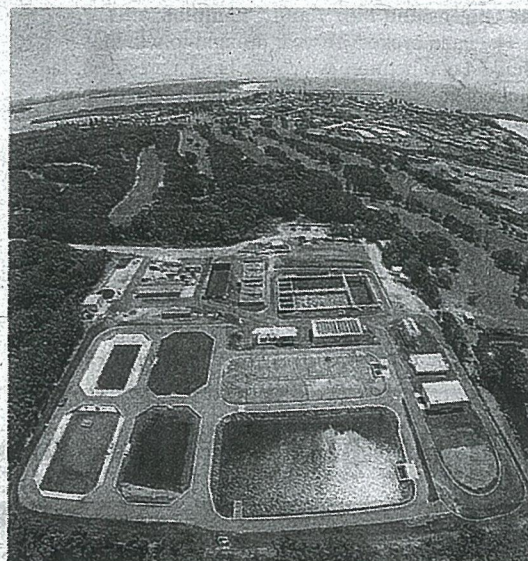
"Their involvement has helped ensure the views of the community were taken into account at all times and its members made many great suggestions that helped bring costs down.

"The under-budget completion of this project shows council is well equipped to manage and deliver major projects. In the term of this current council we completed the Iluka sewerage scheme, built the Sir Earle Page Library and Education Centre and now the multi-million Yamba sewerage augmentation all well under estimates."

Mr Greensill said it was a long road from the start of planning for the Yamba sewerage project to completion, but that helped ensure nothing was left to chance.

"Planning for the scheme started in the early 1990s," he said.

"Even then there was recognition the existing plant struggled to cope with the peak load in holiday seasons.



An aerial view of the upgraded Yamba sewerage treatment plant. Image: Contributed

"The initial scheme, built in 1973, was able to cope with a load equivalent to that made by 7400 people. The system now has the capacity to meet the load equivalent to 17,200 people.

"It has removed a significant constraint to Yamba's development."

A function to recognise the contributions of the management committee was held in Yamba last week.



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## JAIL SHOCK

Ben told his dream home will be site of new prison

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THE SITE selected for the new Grafton Prison was chosen for its 'minimal impact', but for 83-year-old Ben Jones it is a huge blow.

The cattle farmer was shocked when he was told by NSW Government representatives who visited his farm on Monday that the State Government would be acquiring his entire 200ha property off Golden Mile Road in Lavadia, near Pillar Valley.

The bombshell was made worse by the fact he is currently in the final stages of building a house on the cleared property, where he had planned to spend the rest of his days.

Construction of the prison is meant to begin late next year.

"I've spent a lifetime killing trees and tidying it up and it's a picture," Mr Jones told The Daily Examiner yesterday.

"They were only tiling the bathroom this morning. Next

SHATTERED: Ben Jones has started building his property at Lavadia. The land will now be used to build the new jail.

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