RED ROCK PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION INC PO Box 5, Red Rock 2456

SUBMISSION WOOLGOOLGA TO BALLINA PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE EIS SSI-4963

Re Eggins Drive, Arrawarra.

The Red Rock Preservation Association Inc (RRPA) is deeply concerned regarding the susceptibility to flooding of Eggins Drive, Arrawarra. This road is commonly subject to groundwater inundation and became impassable to conventional vehicles during the recent Australia Day storm event.

We are advised that, as part of the Pacific Highway upgrade, Eggins Drive is intended to be the only southward exit from the villages of Corindi Beach and Red Rock. Residents of these two communities will depend on safe passage along Eggins Drive to access the Arrawarra interchange to commute south to Woolgoolga/Coffs Harbour and beyond.

Corindi Beach is a fast growing dormitory community for both Coffs Harbour and Grafton with daily business and employment issues for current and future residents. Accordingly, it will be necessary for State/Local Government to unequivocally commit to the necessary upgrading of Eggins Drive and extension to Corindi Beach.

Gwyn Austen, Secretary, Red Rock Preservation Association Inc. 3rd February, 2013.