

**Andrew Beattie - Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway Upgrade SS1-4963 Submission**

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**Subject:** Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway Upgrade SS1-4963 Submission

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Name: Andrew & Kate Steele

Address: 56 Hillside Lane, Meerschaum Vale, NSW 2477

Re: Submission of Objection to Current and Proposed plan for SS1-4963

To whom it concerns,

I would like to submit an objection to the current plan and proposed plans for the section of Pacific Highway Upgrade which runs past my property, 56 Hillside lane, Meerschaum Vale on the following grounds:

**Current Plan**

- Increased Noise
  - The proposal will increase the amount of noise at our main residence on our property to an unacceptable level due to works on the cutting, possible site office and crushing plant and also long term noise from trucks and cars. I understand a noise measurement was made on my property during the last 3 years and the increase of noise needs to be discussed and measures taken to reduce this noise.
- Visual Impact
  - The Motorway will make a dramatic visual impact to the outlook from my farm land, thereby reducing its potential value.
- Air Quality
  - The passing of traffic and the exhaust fumes will have a long term impact on the health and well-being of my family and the cattle on my farm, plus impact on wild animals and rain forest areas on or property.
- Environmental Impact
  - Damage to Creeks and wildlife is of great concern during cutting and filling operations. I would like assurance that all precautions are taken to prevent accidental contamination of waterways and pastures. The Proposed Cutting will need to be rehabilitated and plated with native trees.
- Possible damage to property during building
  - If explosives or heavy digging implements are used, the operations to dig the proposed cutting near Hillside lane could impact on the foundations and slab of my shed that is situated in close proximity of the said cutting.
  - As we have already experienced damage to access roads during RMS drill tests, heavy use of

the access road will be an issue. The road will need to be improved prior to commencement of digging operations or/and consistently checked and repaired during operations so as not to hinder access to my property by cars or trucks for running my farming business and to my residence.

### **Proposed Plan - Extraction of fill at 30 Hillside Lane**

The currently proposed plan to completely remove the hill at Hillside Lane will have the following impacts which we object to:

- Removal of Current Access
  - The plan to remove the hill spanning “Lumneys Farm” to 10 Hillside lane and the recently purchased (RMS) 30 Hillside lane will wipe out are the current access road which we have recently upgraded. The RMS has proposed an alternative access which is under currently discussion. This alternative access will need to be paved and have a large up-hill side drain due to the off run from the adjacent hill into which the new access would be built. It will also need to allow for semi-trailer access, including a turn around, to my cattle yards and shedding as per the current access does.
- Visual Impact
  - Removal of the said hill will have a dramatic increase on the visibility of the Motorway from our residence and farm lands.
  - The view from the residence will now have the Motorway in uninterrupted view along with our existing sea view once the said hill has been removed. This will have an severe effect in the value of our property.
  - The entrance to the property will be affected with changed contouring and a disused quarry site. This will also have an severe effect in the value of our property in the long term unless fully rehabilitated and replanted with native trees.
- Environmental Impact
  - The current pasture and dams will be destroyed and the wildlife will be effected. The rehabilitation of the quarry site needs to include dam/pond sites and native tree plantations.
  - The current drainage will be altered and may cause future flooding impacts on the pastures and creeks on and nearby our property.
- Increased Noise
  - The removal of the said hill will increase the traffic noise even further as noise will not be reflected back on to the motorway as with the current proposed cutting. The increased level of extraction will increase the time taken to crush rock for fill, which will increase the noise for longer a period of time compared to the time for the proposed cutting only.
- Possible damage to property during Quarrying
  - The operations to extract fill from the said hill will bring quarrying operations within 40 meters of our new shed site. The use of explosives or heavy digging implements could cause damage to the foundations and the slab of said shed, and could potentially cause landslip in the vicinity.

Please submit these objections with the Environmental Impact Study for consideration for plan changes and/or additional requirements for the impacts described above.

Please receipt this email.

Regards,

Andrew and Kate Steele.