Andrew Beattie - Highway upgrade east of Grafton

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To whom it may concern,

I am highly against the proposed highway upgrade east of Grafton which is planned to cut through much of the remaining vegetation in the area of the Summervale Range and associated foot slopes, Wardell heath and several adjoining state forests and conservation reserves. The project traverses a number of these key emu and wildlife habitats and corridors including the boundaries of eight state forests.

The small amount of time that will be saved during the journey along this route is barely worth the losses that will be incurred. Should the present highway be upgraded there will be little damage to the sensitive surrounding environment and the city of Grafton will retain much of the revenue received by passing motorists.

I sincerely hope you will keep the highway in its present position.

Much appreciated, Dianne Ellis, Yamba