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ATTENTION DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

**Re: Woolgoolga to Ballina Upgrade**

Overall the issues are: "FLOOD CONCERN": "DUE PROCESS NOT FOLLOWED"

Referring to other sections of the highway, there was consultation, more bridges and "better engineering".

There was NOT ANY consultation between the residents at Corindi and the RMS. Discussions with Gary Mc Pherson on Saturday 9 February 2013, Gary stated that he did "regret not having a flood focus group for Corindi" and that it was "an oversight". Due process has not been adhered. This cost cutting exercise could result in a loss of lives/ endanger children and their families. The planning process must be seen as transparent and result in better quality of construction.

The model on display (Saturday 9 February 2013) causes concern as it does not encompass Corindi Park Drive. Residents of Corindi Park Drive have been vigilantly trying to obtain answers as to why the road works at Blackadder Creek have caused a wave of water (Australia Day 2012) which resulted in flooding to our street. We encounter brick wall after brick wall. None of our original concerns (meeting at Yarrawarra February 2012) have been fully investigated or answered.

The major concern of the upcoming changes to the Pacific Highway has the redirection of water towards Corindi Park Drive. We are already receiving more than the allocated 100ml level allowance from the Blackadder changes and now we will encounter more.

No consultation was provided with the residents of Corindi. Hence, due process has not been followed.

The length of the bridge across Corindi was changed from 400m to 300m. More culverts and "land fill" will be created. This will divert the water, increasing the risk of another "tsunami" for Corindi Park Drive.

The Corindi Park Drive Group stated to Gary McPherson and Kylie on Saturday 9 February 2013, that they would like:

- a flood focus group
- presentation prior to closure to EIS,
- flood model extended to incorporate Corindi Park Drive,
- flood model to demonstrate actual water levels from 26 Australia Day 2012,
- flood focus group.

In addition to the above, an investigation into the floods effect on the Aboriginal lands surrounding Corindi Park Drive need to be addressed.

Should you have any further questions please contact me on XXXX XXXX XX.

Kind Regards

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