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**Submission name & application # -**

**Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway Upgrade SS1 - 4963**

This submission relates to our property on the corner of the Pacific Highway and Kungala Road at Halfway Creek and is in regard to any impact the pending highway upgrade may have on the business located there.

Two businesses currently operate on the property;

1. Benefield's Rose Farm
2. Matilda Service Station / Cafe/ Convenience Store.

For the 30 plus years we have had this property, both businesses have enjoyed direct highway access. We also know that the existing direct highway access existed for at least 50 years prior to 1983.

Our expectation is for this existing direct highway access to be continued following the completion of the highway upgrade. Should that direct highway access be diminished in any way it will seriously affect the viability for both business operations to continue.

At a recent meeting with four representatives from your planning committee, we were presented with a proposal for a cul-de-sac service road via Kungala Road. We rejected that proposal outright then and do so again now. Any proposal like that would be the death of both businesses.

We are aware of a number of recent precedents for continuance of direct highway access post highway upgrades. These are on the recently completed dual carriageway just south of Coffs Harbour near Boambee (Liberty north bound near Lindsay Bros Transport & BP south bound near Sawtell Road exit) and also on the section of work currently underway – southbound at Emerald Beach (Shell Service Station). It is obvious that special consideration has been given to these existing business and we expect that we be afforded the same opportunities to continue trading with existing direct highway access.

Your planning committee has advised that we will have another meeting soon. We look forward to discussing our submission in more detail and achieving a satisfactory outcome to address our concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick & Matthew Benefield  
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