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Major Projects Assessment,
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Dear Sir

Submission Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway Upgrade: SSI-4963

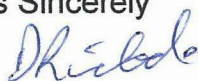
We are writing this submission telling of our concerns for the upgrade to the Pacific Highway between Corindi Creek and Cassons Creek at the most southern part of the upgrade.

We have an issue about our high level access road from our property to the Pacific Highway near Cassons Creek that will be closed off. This is the only way that we are able to get out of our property when Corindi Creek rises over 1metre and covers the bridge that is over Corindi Creek on Toms Road. We must drive through Simmons property and Bennett's property along the ridge beside Cassons Creek. We cannot drive the length of our property from south to north as Cassons Creek dissects the property when it is wet. There is no bottom (swampy ground and no bottom). We do not expect to get out of our property when there is a flood but we do when it is wet.

Another issue is the new upgrade of the highway itself in this area. On the 26th January 2012 we walked out from our property to the Pacific Highway because of the severe flooding. Mainly due to a damming situation made by the Highway upgrade. When we walked out, the Ridges we used had over 600mm of water over them running from Cassons Creek to the flats on the Southern side through Simmons.

Our problem is this: - What I saw of the new road works is that it is going to do more of the same as the other upgrade, by putting the bridges and viaducts on the high side of where the water actually runs when the banks are over flowing and dams the water at that point. This will cause the backing up of more water and will probably inundate our house. We escaped flooding of our house on the 26th January 2012 by 75mil. The area from south of Corindi creek to north of Cassons creek should be all bridgework thus not impeding the flow of water when it is flooding.

Yours Sincerely



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