

Nathan Stringer - SUBMISSION: Woolgoolga to Ballina Project (from Ray and Ruth Lambert)

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Subject: SUBMISSION: Woolgoolga to Ballina Project (from Ray and Ruth Lambert)

Please find below submission from Ray and Ruth Lambert, 222 Corindi Park Drive, Corindi Beach NSW 2456. It must be noted that we have again been flooded and are concerned that the new road will further impact upon us.

To: Major Project Assessment
 Department of Planning & Infrastructure
 GPO Box 39
 SYDNEY NSW 2001

Date: 18 February 2013

To Whom It May Concern

I am writing to you in reference to the Woolgoolga to Wells Crossing section of the Woolgoolga to Ballina Project and my objections to this proposal.

I am a resident of Corindi Park Drive, Corindi Beach, and have several concerns regarding the abovementioned project. I purchased my property after consulting with friends that are long term residents and was advised that flooding was not an issue in the estate and it was originally a dairy and later a cattle fattening property for many years. These comments were confirmed by Council and the Real Estate and I was advised that this area was not at risk of flooding. This belief was shared by many long term local families who purchased and built in our street. With further changes to occur only 800m from the Blackadder project site, my concern is I will experience further water inundation on my retirement hobby farm.

I have experienced times where we have received over 12 inches of rain in one night and the estate did not suffer from any water inundation apart from some localised ponding. With this being said, the highway was blocked in both directions, and covered by a substantial amount of water, at the section of road which has since been changed by the RMS. And still, 13 months on from the event which occurred on the 26th January 2012, why we are experiencing water through our properties now has been ignored by the RMS.

It is the communities belief that the RMS unlawfully diverted water with the construction of the Blackadder Project and it is my fear that we may be further impacted by the new road construction based on the information contained in the EIS regarding the increase of water levels upstream. Further investigation must be undertaken to ensure our previously flood-free residences are not further impacted by the construction of this new project.

The lack of consultation undertaken by the RMS with our community is a major concern and must also be addressed. At this point in time, I still have not received any documentation regarding consultation between the RMS and the community. It was only by word of mouth that I was made aware that a meeting had been cancelled and rescheduled for 9th February at Corindi Community Hall.

At this meeting I raised concerns with Gary McPherson about the possible flooding which could be further impacted by the construction of the new road. Gary viewed our photographs and appeared to be quite alarmed. He advised that he would take this matter onboard but after liaising with the RMS for the previous 12 months, I am doubtful there will be any action taken.

It is my opinion that this project should not be approved until further consultation and investigation is undertaken. As a member of the Rural Fire Service, I was involved in the evacuations in this area and hold grave concerns for the lives of residents if an event like this was to occur again, and furthermore, hate to consider if this project was to direct further water to our area.

I may be contacted on my home phone 02 6649 2314.

Yours faithfully

Ray & Ruth Lambert