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Attention: Director Infrastructure Projects

SUBMISSION

Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway upgrade, SS1-4963

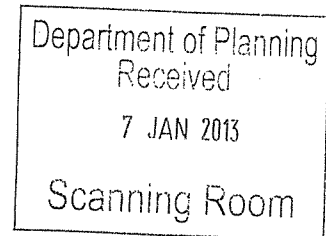
Section 4 and 5

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I support the upgrade of the Pacific Highway into a Motorway standard however; I believe some fine tuning and adjustment needs to be done in some instance with section 4 and 5. I believe that the current Pacific Highway should have been kept in its entirety as a separate local and tourist road but sadly it has not been done in many places.

My I suggest in relation to the following:



Interchange at Yamba Road:

Section 5

Don't have any motorway entry or exit ramp connection at Yamba Road location.

Experience tells me that too much slow local traffic enters onto motorways to travel short distances before exiting again. Eg (Yamba road Interchange to Maclean Interchange). This causes a stalling effect for fast moving through traffic.

Current Pacific Highway-Maclean Interchange to Yamba Road:

Section 4 - 5

Keep the current Pacific Highway from Maclean Interchange to Yamba Road interchange for a local road.

Maclean Interchange:

Section 4

Use north exit ramp from Motorway as the "Exit for all traffic destined for Maclean and Yamba". Maclean traffic exits to Maclean and other traffic travels via local road (current Pacific Highway) to Yamba Road, Yamba or Harwood Interchange.

South bound traffic from Yamba and Harwood travels via the same route to Maclean Interchange to enter Motorway.

Cane haulage trucks would not need to be on the Motorway at all and trucks could still use the local road (current Pacific Highway from Harwood Interchange to Maclean Interchange through to Woodford Island or south to Tyndale and beyond.

LOOKING AT THE CURRENT PLAN by RMS - Local traffic, particularly cane haulage trucks will be forced to use the Motorway between Yamba Road Interchange and Maclean Interchange!

Cane haulage trucks will leave the mill in Watts Lane Harwood – left onto current Pacific Highway – Cross River on current Harwood Bridge – Turn right at Yamba Road – Go underneath bridges – Turn right onto Motorway entry ramp – Travel along Motorway and exit at Maclean Interchange – Cross over Motorway to Cameron Street then left onto old Highway to go south or straight up Cameron Street to go to Woodford Island.

Alternate By-Pass if Motorway closed

Between Harwood Interchange and Maclean Interchange: Section 4 - 5

Removing the local road link (current Pacific Highway) between Maclean Interchange and Harwood Interchange leaves NO suitable alternate bypass route.

Travel via Maclean CBD has been used in the past however; the S bend in River Street became a problem for trucks and a stop was put to using this route when the roundabout in the CBD was installed a few years ago. It is currently the only alternative and grid lock by light vehicles occurs already.

Local Road Link from Harwood to Grafton:

Section 4 - 5

Keeping in place the current Pacific Highway between Maclean Interchange and Yamba Road Interchange would retain an unbroken local road linking the Lower Clarence with Grafton and beyond.

McIntyres Lane at Green Hill:

Section 4

An over bridge in McIntyres Lane is a must to keep the local road link with Gulmarrad and the current Pacific Highway.