

Nathan Stringer - pacific hwy upgrade

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To Garry,

I am happy with the Pacific Highway being upgraded and do not object to its development. Though I do have some concerns and object to the access road for Kungala residents travelling south on the highway being built at Wells Crossing. As-well as many others living at Kungala, both my partner and me work at Coffs Harbour which is a considerable distant to drive to work. I would like to express several concerns- inconvenience, increased travel time, cost and to why a cross road between the highway can not be developed. I am concerned about the length of time spent on the road travelling to and from work increasing. Being a shift worker the increase the risk of unintentional accident occurring because of increased time spent travelling on the road invariably increases. Although it may not seem a great distant to travel to Wells Crossing from the Kungala turn off, once this is doubled (allowing time to travel to the access road and the same distance back) the time wasted on in travelling increases significantly. It means having to get out of bed earlier and having to leave earlier potentially adding another 15 minutes road time. Over a five day roster this amount of time equates to over one extra hour on the road a week and thats without the delays that the construction of the new highway will cause. Secondly given the increased cost of fuel in today's society over a year this is significant amount of money that will come out of Kungala residents pockets in expenses paid to get to work, in which is not tax deductible as you well know. So not only the inconvenience of increased travel time but as well the inconvenience of increased running expenses as well. Thirdly is there any reason a cross road joining the 2 highways allowing residents to merge from the rt into traffic heading south can not be developed. Given the success of the cross road south of the coles express/truck stop at halfway creek allowing people in that area access to either direction, acting as a u turn bay and a usual spot for police to attend speed checks (as I have seem them there several times) on either lane of traffick. I would consider that a cross road allowing access for Kungal residents to make a right turn at the current position would be of great benefit to the community and of much less expense than constructing an over pass and easier to add into the development. I would greatly appreciated if you would seriously take into account consructing a cross road that links the two lanes and eliminates the inconvenience it will otherwise cause to many of the locals living in this area.

Yours sincerely

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