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Dear Sir/Madam,

Submission on Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway Upgrade. SSI-4963

The recently released Environmental Impact Statement (E.I.S.) on the upgrade of the Pacific Highway between Woolgoolga and Ballina needs to be urgently placed within this country's ecological context, a context which

- paints a grim picture of great biodiversity loss
- points to the invaluable connections in our ecosystems
- and cries out for reduction of human impact.

Such a context demands an urgent consideration of the detrimental impact of this project on

- the already reduced and endangered population of coastal emus.
- the Endangered Ecological Communities, such as the Nationally Listed Lowland Subtropical Rainforest.

Ecologically this is a treasured area and we do not have the right to break the natural connections which exist. This is precisely what the construction of a highway through this area will do. The survival of priceless forms of life depend upon us finding another option and leaving these connections intact.

Suggested compensatory habitat, proposed under-passes and land bridges embody high degrees of uncertainty and risk which we cannot afford to take in this vital issue where so much is at stake.

I call on the determining authority to sincerely consider the ecological values which are being threatened, to firmly place this project's impact on the ecological context foremost in its thinking and to reject the preferred route.

To adopt the orange option is a much less damaging approach and one for which future generations of all life will be grateful.

Yours faithfully,

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