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PIMLICO NSW 2478

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re: (Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway upgrade, SS1-4963)

Attention: 'Director Infrastructure Projects'

Dear Sir,

Following discussions with a number of people who will be involved with the Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway upgrade we would like to further add to our submission to you, dated 21st January 2013.

There are a number of options to be considered for the northern Pimlico highway access.

The first option would be not to give access to the highway from this point. This would be the cheapest option, but would not suit the people in this area.

The second option would be to move the access point to the highway some 200 metres south of the present access point as proposed by the 'safety' option. Properly signed and with clear vision this would be very safe and inexpensive.

We frequently use the intersection on the Pacific Highway at Medowie Road slightly north of Newcastle on trips to family and find it excellent. There have been no accidents or fatalities that we know of at this intersection, and there are a lot of intersections of this type in this section of the highway.

If crossing the south bound lanes is of major concern a single land overpass bridge to connect traffic to the north bound lanes would be a much cheaper option than the present one proposed, as no further land acquisition would be necessary as far as we know.

A third option would be to build a single bridge across Emigrant Creek some 200 metres east of the proposed bridges, linking with Smith Drive. We believe that this would be a much simpler engineering task than the one proposed, much cheaper and less intrusive to the local wildlife habitat.


The proposed road works and bridges will be a mammoth task in the unstable soil conditions in this area, as you will be well aware of after the Ballina bypass work already carried out. We believe it will have a much greater environmental effect on the area which has regenerated to its natural state after some fifty years of disuse. We also believe the cost to the tax payers would be much better spent elsewhere.

We ask you to please give serious consideration to all the matters we have raised when doing the planning for this section of the bypass works. We would appreciate being kept informed of your decisions and timetable for this work.

As in our original submission copies of this submission are being forwarded to the following people:

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| Mr Neale Frogley | - Property Valuer |
| Mr William Grace | - Solicitor |
| Mr Frank Curran | - Barrister at Law |
| Cr David Wright | - Mayor – Ballina Shire Council |
| Mr Ken Johnston | - Councillor – Ballina Shire Council |
| Ms Robyn Horden | - Councillor – Ballina Shire Council |
| Ms Susan Mehan | - Councillor – Ballina Shire Council |

Yours sincerely,



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