55 Pimlico Road PIMLICO NSW 2478

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Major Projects Assessment Department of Planning & Infrastructure GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001 Department of Planning Received 2 3 JAN 2013

Scanning Room

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

Attention: 'Director Infrastructure Projects'

Dear Sir,

We would like to make a submission to the RMS objecting to the Pimlico to Smith Drive section of the highway upgrade.

During the construction of the new Bruxner Highway bridge and the associated roadworks the windows in our house rattled often from the vibration caused by the work being carried out, which we reported to the project engineer at the time. That work was <u>some 300 metres</u> away. The noise associated with the highway upgrade was extremely disturbing under certain wind conditions.

The proposed construction of the bridge and bridge approach is going to impact severely on our property due to its planned close proximity. We are greatly concerned about possible structural damage to both our house and our pool because of the unstable nature of the soil in this area whilst the work is being carried.

Considerable earthwork will be necessary for the construction of the bridge approaches and the bridges in the unstable soil conditions in this area, as is evident from the work already done on the new bridge on the Pacific Highway/Bruxner Highway.

The proposed Pimlico work is going to be carried out within 30 metres from our house and will cause considerable inconvenience and disturbance to our present life style with increased dust and noise pollution.

The resumption of portion of our land will necessitate the relocation of my diesel tank from its present location and cause loss of access from the old existing road which we have used for some 30 years. It will also interfere with our access between our machinery shed and our farm. Although this access in on Crown land it has been used for over 50 years for various purposes in the transport and growing of sugar cane.

The proximity of the road and bridge will also severely affect the value of our property which is of great concern.

We are connected to the Ballina Shire Council water supply which came across the old Emigrant Creek Bridge and which is now under bored under Emigrant Creek. There are four(4) users

connected to this supply, including Duck Creek Research Farm(Wollongbar Research Farm), Frank Curran and the Alders. This will require accommodation and some change for this part of the project.

While all these practical matters can be taken care of, the work will cause considerable inconvenience and stress to us personally in our retirement years. We would like these matters dealt with as soon as possible,

Copies of this letter are being forwarded to the following people:

- Mr Neale Frogley Mr William Grace Mr Frank Curran The Mayor Mr Ken Johnston Ms Robyn Horden Ms Susan Mehan
- Property Valuer
- Solicitor
- Barrister at Law
- Mayor Ballina Shire Council
- Councillor Ballina Shire Council
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Yours sincerely,

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