

17 February 2013

55 Pine Tree Road
Broadwater 2472
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Attention: Director of Infrastructure Projects
Department of Planning and Infrastructure

Application Name: Woolgoolga to Ballina Upgrade
Application No: SSI-4963

Our preference for the highway was to the west of Broadwater (options 2A or 2B) and our previous submission detailed our reasons for this. We don't agree with the decision to build the highway east of Broadwater but accept a decision has been made.

We do hope though that the current situation with the wildlife and the fauna corridor from our property to the national park which crosses the proposed highway be taken into consideration.

ITEM 1

We have various koalas which travel in the corridor through our property and can be seen in habitat trees on 55 Pine Tree Rd at various times of the year indicating a migratory route. Evidence of this was recently substantiated and recorded by Chris Thomson (Ecologist at SKM) on Wednesday 13 February 2013. Their existence will be endangered by the location of the present proposed route, if this proceeds far better mitigation measures will need to be taken to comply with the **Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999** for the protection of Koalas has to be taken into serious consideration. Mitigation measures of this area seem to be inadequate and short of detail with no indication of fencing. Also, poor positioning of present animal crossing placement which appear to be in cane fields and not located in wildlife corridors and adjacent national park. Further evidence of lack of consideration for wildlife eg. Phascogale, sugar gliders and possums which are prevalent in this area being absence of overhead ropes and animal crossing.

ITEM 2

Our other concern is lack of detail and any information or measures taken regarding dust and noise impacts to our property's eastern boundary at 55 Pine Tree Road Broadwater, strong easterly winds being most prevalent in this area. As we are in the residential area of Broadwater we feel due consideration should be made as to the impact on our home and the shift worker who occupies this residence.

Footnote

Photos of koalas at 55 Pine Tree Road have been emailed to C Thomson, ecologist for SKM.

Regards

Geoff Whitehouse and Sandra Shepherd