

Summary of comments on the Northern Road Realignment (Luddenham) EIS.

- 1) I would like to point out the brevity of the period provided for the period for examining the EIS and the preparation of a response. This was exacerbated by a delay in receiving notice of the EIS's release of one week.
- 2) Details of the consultation process have been outlined and are stated as being extensive, however, information and contact with the RMS has been inadequate if your property is affected by acquisition.
- 3) The errors that appear in the sections of the EIS, that we have had time to look through, are extensive. Sadly this EIS will be referenced in the future and rewrite our local history. Clearly factual rigor was not applied.
- 4) The addition of an entrance and exit of the existing southern Northern road onto to the new Luddenham bypass has effectively negated all comments in the EIS about noise reduction within the town and increased safety. In fact the majority of residential houses will now be ringed by major roads. All such statements should be removed from every section.
- 5) It is of great concern that the impact of the construction and use of the new road on affected residents have been completely ignored because their number is considered low. No attempt appears to be made to reduce the suffering of those that are affected. I assure you that for those of us that are affected we DO NOT consider them insignificant. I find this whole preface wrong. If I had moved to an area a few years ago and brought a home my personal investment and attachment to an area would be a lot less than if I had grown up in or been one of a number of generations in the same area. No weighting appears to have been given to the impact of this project in light of the close ties, both physical and historic, that Luddenham residents have.
- 6) The lack of interest and respect displayed by the RMS, and hence the NSW government, to the historic sites that this road will obliterate is appalling.
- 7) I refute the statements of the EIS that providing information about the property acquisition in any way reduces the negative effects of having your property acquired. In fact those affected by property acquisition have already suffered. The RMS and its contractors have displayed a lack of co-ordination and communication which is staggering. Heaven help us for the construction phase!
- 8) Another submission has been made regarding the glaring errors in the Non-Aboriginal Heritage technical working paper which I refer you to.
- 9) This has been a war of attrition. Why haven't submissions, historical information that has been provided and peoples concerns been carried across from part of this process to the next. This process has led to a great deal of frustration and those affected by acquisition, in particular, feel totally disenfranchised. This EIS appears to have been thrown together based on weight as opposed to fact and is indicative of the entire process.