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**Pacific Highway – Oxley Highway to Kempsey upgrade
Environmental Assessment**

I am writing in regard to the concerns we have toward the proposed Project and Environmental Assessment. We object to the proposal. We and our property shall be severely impacted based on the current design that is proposed for the upgrade, regarding the service road and the joining overpass bridge.

Through this proposal, we shall loose land, shrubs and trees, and possibly the dam; vehicle headlights at night will beam directly onto our property from the overpass bridge.

Question: Why can't the overpass bridge be built to link with Smiths Creek Road, where there are no residents to be impacted, and have the road link to the highway near the Kundabung shop.

The noise will increase due to a substantial increase in traffic, such as general vehicles that don't pass us now and logging trucks and semi trailers, and the vibration that will occur from such traffic is also a concern. We are also concerned about the noise from construction.

Question: what sort of sound proofing will be done to reduce noise levels and when will it be done? Will it be done before construction begins or after?

We are concerned about access problems upon entering and exiting our property while work is being conducted in Rodeo Drive.

Question: will we have difficulty (such as hold ups) entering or leaving the property during times of the day when work is being done? Will there be something done to allow easy access?

Regrettably and unfortunately, we knew nothing about the 2007 meeting regarding the Proposal. We are not happy about this. The meeting should have been clearly presented to the local residents. For example, we would not have spent extra thousands for building.

Question: why were residents not properly informed about the 2007 meeting?

In relation to the construction in our area we are concerned about the noise that will occur if a works depot is located near our property and thus do not want one near us.

Question: will there be a works depot located near our property?

There are power lines just outside of our driveway.

Question: where will these power lines be moved if such is necessary.

As currently proposed, the upgrade of the service road and joining overpass bridge, will severely impact us. Currently we live in an environment providing minimal traffic that allows a peaceful atmosphere of security and privacy.

There will also be a loss of local vegetation and habitat/animals and the loss of freedom to walk the local peaceful and safe area. Significantly the value of our property will drop.

Losing our peaceful lifestyle and visual amenity when the overpass bridge is in place, the linking road and excessive traffic turning a corner directly outside our property, shall additionally affect our health. Currently already having a pace-maker and heart problems, stress levels will increase due to the above mentioned changes, thereby with the potential of other negative health impacts in our lives. Our immediate family will also be impacted by this proposal in various ways as the property and environment is also part of their lives.

If the current proposal goes ahead, I will require compensation for the loss of value on my property and home, as well as any loss of land and vegetation.

I sincerely hope that the current upgrade Proposal and Environmental Assessment will be reconsidered! It is vitally important that this and other local residents concerns be addressed. Why disrupt and create negative impacts on the environment and local residents when it can be avoided to an alternative.



Martin Townsend



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Pacific Highway Upgrade – Oxley Highway to Kempsey

Submission Regarding Service Roads at Kundabung

I attach a copy of a submission to the RTA of November 2005 from 26 concerned Kundabung residents regarding the *then current* proposal for the reopening of some portions of the old Pacific highway for use as a service road.

While the Environmental Assessment has slightly altered the proposed route of the service road, the impact upon the residents has not changed significantly, nor has their support of the submission.

Their proposed alternative of routing the service road between Kundabung Road and Mingaletta Road to the east of the proposed highway upgrade, instead of the west, remains a viable and effective solution to alleviate the concerns of the residents.

In effect, the proposal would require the following:-

- extension of the currently proposed service road east of the highway (north from Kundabung Rd), in a southerly direction to meet Mingaletta Rd
- overbridge access to Ravenswood Rd from the east, saving the construction of a bridge over Pipers Creek on the western side
- replacement construction of a bridge over Smiths Creek on the eastern side, instead of the west

Unlike the current proposal, there are no residences directly adjacent to such a service road on the east, and no subsequent loss of security and amenity.

I urge the adoption of this alternative, in part or full, as an indication that impact upon residents and respecting their opinions are seen as part of the planning process in this highway upgrade.

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***Residents' Opposition to Reopening old Pacific Highway at
Kundabung – Submission to RTA on Pacific Highway Upgrade
November 2005***

We are concerned that the old Pacific Highway, from Pipers Creek at Kundabung, through to west of Mingaletta Rd, may be considered as the primary option for a service road to carry all local traffic through Kundabung.

This portion of road was closed to through traffic over 20 years ago, when the current highway was constructed. At this time, access across Smiths Creek and Pipers Creek was completely cut off, as was access to the highway at Mingaletta.

This resulted in three 'dead ends' to the road, and the portion between Upper Smiths Creek Rd and Smiths Creek, becoming inaccessible to the public. This has created an extremely low (or no) traffic road, providing excellent security, privacy and general amenity to the properties that front it.

Indeed, many of the existing property owners have used this as a basis for their purchase, and have situated homes based on those attributes, in the expectation that they would not change. Some have purchased the land previously used by the highway as an extension of their current holding.

The through local traffic has the potential to become substantial, and may include heavy vehicles, such as logging trucks carrying timber from the adjoining State Forests and private properties. Current activities enjoyed by the residents on and around the road, such as walking, cycling and horse riding will no longer be feasible. The safety, particularly of children and pets, will be also be jeopardised. The section of the old highway was replaced largely because of its winding nature and notoriety as an accident 'black spot'. It is only suitable as a low speed, low volume access road.

We believe the through traffic needs of this area of Kundabung would be better served by extending the planned service road (from north of Pipers Creek to Kundabung Rd) through to Mingaletta Road on the east of the proposed new carriageway, within the currently identified corridor. A schematic of this approach is attached, which would seem to have the following benefits:-

- there are no residences adjacent to the proposed service road on the east
- the proposed overpass at Mingaletta Rd, is no longer required
- an overpass providing easier access to Ravenswood Rd, post office and service station from the east is feasible
- no service bridge required on Pipers Creek west (east bridge already planned)
- no land resumptions to reclaim old Pacific Highway are required

To the layman, there seems to be financial advantages to this approach, and we would be pleased if it could be investigated, and ultimately implemented in part or full, to avoid funneling traffic onto this section of the old Pacific Highway.

Name(s)	Address	Signature(s)	Date
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MARGARET GROSS	KUNDABUNG	Margaret Gross	
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HERBERT KENNEDY	139 RODEO DRIVE KUNDABUNG	M. Kennedy	11-11-05
MARTIN & WENDY TOWNSEND	130. RODEO DR KUNDABUNG	M. Townsend	8/1/05
ANDREW EVANS	26 RODEO DRIVE KUNDABUNG	Andrew Evans	12-11-05
CHRISTINE	32 RODEO DRIVE KUNDABUNG	Christine	12/1/05
MICHAEL MURPHY	RODEO DRIVE KUNDABUNG	Michael Murphy	12-11-05
TERRELL MCELROY	74 RODEO DRIVE KUNDABUNG	Terrell McElroy	12-11-05
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We support the submission titled "Residents' Opposition to Reopening old Pacific Highway at Kundabung".

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