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I would like to start my comments by saying my wife and I are looking forward to this upgrade with excitement as it will make it easier for us to travel to and from both Port Macquarie and Kempsey. The planned route looks good. We would however have liked to see an access at the Kempsey end of our service road.

Our major concerns are the increase in noise and the visual aspect. Currently we have a nice view out our front windows of some natural trees and scrub. Whilst we realise these will need to be removed for the access road and duplication of the existing highway we are not keen to be watching cars and trucks so close to our house (the front of our house is only about 30m from the boundary). We had considered planting a hedge to help with both the visual and noise aspects but the power to our house runs parallel with the boundary and so is not practical. We therefore would like to be considered for a noise reducing fence or a natural looking mound of some sort across the front of our house area as well as the other noise reducing measures offered. I understand that a noise reducing fence has been considered not effective because of the distance between houses and therefore not being offered however I believe with our close proximity to the highway this would be beneficial as well improve the view.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my letter. I look forward to discussing the matter with you further in the future.

Kind regards
Bob Murray