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**SUBMISSION COFFS HARBOUR HIGHWAY BYPASS (SS1\_7666)**

*There are a number of issues regarding RMS's Coffs Harbour Highway Bypass Environmental Impact Statement September 2019 that I wish to comment on.*

It is my understanding that the noise measurements in the RMS study don't seem to reflect what residents are likely to experience.

Some of the traffic counts appear out of date and the use of this data has the potential to influence the treatment of houses along the corridor.

In regards to the approval conditions, issues such as traffic speeds, the type of pavement and the traffic numbers are difficult to determine.

It seems that the issue of Dangerous Goods remains unclear and the display of an EIS that does not adequately deal with dangerous goods is a concern.

The project has a \$1.8 billion price tag and will take years to complete. The community has made it clear they wanted tunnels and now they have been included and the RMS is to be congratulated. I suggest it would be in the best interest of community and the project if the RMS instigated follow up consultation with residents and property owners along the chosen route.

The confluence of the Eastern Seaboard and the Great Dividing Range make the area unique in many ways including its biodiversity which will benefit from reduced impacts provided by the tunnel system that is now part of the Coffs Harbour Bypass.

Yours sincerely

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Declaration: I have made no political donations in the past two years.

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