

H'way problems locally driven

REGARDING all the discussion with Sexton Hill and the Tugun bypass.

The main problem apparently completely overlooked is that the section of highway from the Chinderah bypass to Tweed heads is, in reality, more of a local shire road than the No.1 Australian highway.

Probably most of the vehicular traffic using the Sexton Hill section is not interstate traffic.

The only possible remedy is to stop the need for use of this section of highway by most of the traffic between Tweed Heads and the west of the shire, together with the entire

coast and indeed beyond, even from Byron Bay.

It is perfectly obvious that a district and civic centre close to the Chinderah roundabout, gradually developing amenities similar to Tweed Heads, is already needed, as pointed out by the council-inspired Geolink I.E.S and Core retail study.

That would eliminate most of the unnecessary inter-urban traffic causing most of the problems.

There seems to be a deliberate conspiracy, involving council planners, in concealing the results of their own studies, not only to eliminate such a development near the roundabout, but to locate any future centre much further from the freeway, possibly in the highly protected agricultural land some distance from the roundabout.

The agricultural land appears to be the only alternative centre location, but it would not remove the traffic from the west and much of the coast from that congested problematic section of the highway.

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