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Dr Kerry Schott,

I am an affected landowner at Narrabri.

Firstly I will say that I have no objection to the proposal of an Inland Rail Route, only that I don't feel that it has been properly evaluated in the Narrabri area.

I would like to express to you that the consultation at Narrabri has been very poor. I have been involved in meetings with ARTC representatives since 2015. It wasn't until 2018 that it was divulged that the viaduct would, opposite our property come down into an earthen bank.

This bank is being built on a flood plain, surely this should have been in the information given to us at the beginning not 3 years in. It should also have been discussed with the town residents as this affects more than just my property but many others in this area and the town as a whole.

I then asked that the representatives liaise with a local engineer that has been involved with Narrabri flooding for many years, but that wasn't taken on board either.

I enquired about a road opposite our property and was assured that this would not change. The week submissions were due, I learnt that in fact this road is being moved. Another impact to our property.

The mapping of our property was so wide that it was of little use and it has only been in the last few weeks after attending another meeting and again stating that I didn't have these details that I have been supplied the levels that will affect our house but again missing the ones that affect our shed which is on a lower point.

I am pointing these things out so you might see that a proper evaluation of the Narrabri area can not have been conducted with residents, given the poor consultation process.

To put a railway line through a town which will affect its residents for many years to come does not make any sense when there is an alternative, which had Inland Rail representatives listened to Narrabri residents could have been evaluated many years ago.

I ask that you have ARTC access the alternative route.

Kind regards

Beth Kelaher