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11 Coolamon Avenue
MULLUMBIMBY
NSW 2482.



29th May 2017.

Attn: Mr Tony Nash
Works Of Roads Manager.

Re: Road repair of Coolamon Avenue

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you on behalf of all the residents of Coolamon Avenue, Mullumbimby whose names are on the attached petition.

I had a conversation with Mr & Mrs Bathie who live at 14B Coolamon Avenue and they relayed the story of how the garbage truck got bogged at the end of Coolamon Avenue some years ago. Only then did the council upgrade the turn-around at the end of the street, where they live. Mr and Mrs Bathie are satisfied with the road surface at the front of their property and are the only ones who have not asked for a renewed road surface.

In my numerous other conversations with the residents of the street, I was told by Mrs Gae Laverty who resides at 1 Coolamon Avenue that this is the original road that was laid down over 40 years ago and she explained that the only works that have been carried out are the dodgy patching with bitumen.

After the recent rains the pot holes have deepened and widened considerably and now we have to weave through the road, sometimes even going onto the other side of the road to avoid the potholes, which makes it unsafe as there is also a blind corner outside no: 7 Coolamon Avenue.

The bitumen stops just before no: 9 Coolamaon Avenue and also the garbage trucks tend to speed up around this corner before they make the turnaround at the cul-de-sac to pick up rubbish on the other side of the road. This is a big problem for me as the stones on the road which are in some cases the size of a mandarin, get thrown onto my lawn and build up on the right side of the gravel road. I regularly have to rake the stones back onto the road before I mow the lawn as these stones will destroy the blades of my lawnmower. I hope you can understand my frustration. The blades get blunt hitting these large stones if I don't rake them off the lawn prior to mowing.

Another safety issue is also presented for the bike riders on our road. My family and I go bike riding regularly on our street and avoiding the many potholes and large stones is a very real problem as you can't take your eyes off the road. Running over one of these stones or catching the edge of a hole with the front wheel of a bike can lead to a serious fall for anyone, and consequently that

would be a big problem for the council.

I have spoken to Steve who manages the garbage truck contract regarding the garbage trucks speeding around the bend on Coolamon Avenue and the stones are deflected onto my side of the verge and he said that nothing can be done about it as the truck was within the speed limit which is 60 Km/hr. These trucks can weigh about 20 tons fully loaded and they are clearly adding to the deterioration of the road. Steve said that there are not many houses towards the end of the street and that is why the road is not sealed. This to me is a very poor excuse as the value of my Rates is just as much as the owner of a property at the beginning of the street. We should not be getting less services because we are at the end of the cul-de-sac.

Tony, we moved from Victoria to Mullumbimby in early December 2016 and I can honestly say that I had heard stories about NSW roads and did not really believe them until now. I hear the same stories in my conversations with other residents that the council doesn't have the money....etc

Well, a few days ago, we were driving towards Main Arm Rd and just before Federation Bridge on Brunswick Terrace I saw the road works team. It was like a scene from the Flintstones - the primitive roadworks gear blew me away. To top it off they were filling the holes without preparing the hole and then not even compacting down the bitumen but leaving it for car tyres to do the compacting work. This is clearly sloppy work practices that have become the accepted norm. There seems to be no pride in their work at all. They just threw the bitumen in the hole with the shovel, neatened it and allowed a car to drive over the mound to compact it!

The proper method to repair a pot hole is to have straight sides with a cleaned compacted bottom and then add bitumen and compact it to road level. This is clearly not what is done.

In our short time in this region, my conclusion is that bad habits have carried on for so long that it has become the norm to do a shonky job on the roads and blame the lack of funding. It is really not acceptable that we should have unsafe roads in our region that damage our cars and put people's lives at risk. Ultimately the council can be held responsible for accidents which are caused by unsafe roads.

Thank you for your time and I hope to hear back from you shortly.

Yours sincerely,
Ivan Saric.
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25th May 2017

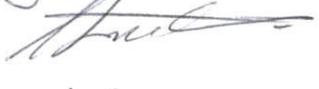
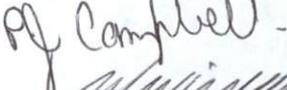
Dear Mr Tony Nash,

Works Of Roads
Byron Shire

BYRON SHIRE COUNCIL
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Re: Repair and resurfacing Coolamon Avenue Mullumbimby

We the undersigned residents of Coolamon Ave Mullumbimby would like our road repaired and resurfaced from start to end.

Name	Address	Signature
Ivan Saric	11 Coolamon Ave	
Malcolm Murray	7 Coolamon Ave	
Patricia Powell	12A Coolamon Ave	
John Daniels	14 Coolamon Ave	
Julie Baines	3 Coolamon Ave	
Gae Lavery	1 Coolamon Ave	
W. Holburn	9 Coolamon Ave	
Matt Kane	4 Coolamon Ave	
Audrey Hamilton	2 Coolamon Ave	
Jojo Bathie	14B Coolamon Ave	
Rob J. Neate	5 Coolamon Ave	
Marco Georgoussis	8 Coolamon Ave	
Patricia Campbell	14a Coolamon Ave	
NORM WILLIAMSON	6 COOLAMON AVE.	