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I would like to make the following objections to the mentioned in regard to this modification application. I am one of the Towers Family who owns Lots 76, 13 and 101 DP753192 as mentioned in the proposal.

On the afternoon of 26th June 2006 some of my Family members, including my Father and myself, had a meeting at the Farmhouse at Lavis Lane Williamtown with Bruce MacKenzie to discuss the issue of access to Lot 218, Bruce, Dad and myself drove around our Property and came to an agreement regarding access, as our Family always has and always will do whatever we can to protect flora and fauna and the Aboriginal Culture on our Property. All parties agreed on the issue and went away satisfied with what we had decided. **Sadly the following morning my Father was found deceased.**

Through the day Bruce was contacted to let him know what had happened and he said he would honour the agreement he had made with my Father the day before. Therefore an agreement was hurriedly drawn up as Bruce said he needed it by the end of the week so he could submit it to the Worimi LALC. In my mind our agreement has helped him secure the lease with the Worimi LALC as he had to have access to Lot 218. We had no further communication with the MacKenzie Family for a long long time.

Port Stephens Council became involved when Robert MacKenzie (Bruce MacKenzies son and business partner) asked Port Stephens Council to Compulsory Acquire parts of our land to make it easier for him to open Stockton Bight Track. Bruce MacKenzie was Mayor at the time.

If this road is opened, we as a Family have no control whatsoever on our own Property, as traffic come and go through a Family run business that has millions of dollars worth of plant and equipment on it and no protection from anyone accessing it 24 hours a day but when the road gets to the MacKenzies Property there will be a gate with a padlock which will only be opened during business hours.

Who is going to protect our assets and our Property? (noone!)

If this road we cannot control anything that happens on our Property! As far as traffic is concerned I have my own trucks that come in out of the QSC mine site everyday and there will be time delays and safety issues creating nightmares for my drivers as they won't be able to get onto the road safely from where we load. This will be a real OH&S safety issue that we will have no control over.

We as a Family feel very strongly about Aboriginal Culture and it needs to be protected. If this modification is approved, it will have a MAJOR IMPACT on Cultural Vegetation and Aboriginal Artifacts, the very things we want projected.

I have spoken with so me of the Traditional Owners and between us we have come up with an alternate access which will not impact at all on any Aboriginal Culture areas nor destroy any Aboriginal Artifacts.

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