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Mayor and Councillors

This item was deferred from City Services Committee on 16 October 2003.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

21 PACIFIC HIGHWAY BYPASS

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to define a corridor that reflects Council's intention in its motions adopted in relation to the Pacific Highway at the City Business Units Committee meeting on 4 September 2003.

The report recommends the adoption of the plan (circulated separately to Councillors) as describing Council's preferred corridor for a Pacific Highway Bypass.

Description of Item:

The map describes a corridor line extending from Englands Road to Red Hill and broadens westerly towards the Lower Bucca State Forest, with the eastern boundary being the route option known as the Coastal Ridgeway/Option A.

The broken line represents the recommended western corridor boundary which takes into account the issues raised at public addresses to Council at its meeting held on 18 September 2003. The broken line better reflects the notion of a corridor between ridge lines west of Coffs Harbour.

The map should be referred to the Roads and Traffic Authority in order to clarify Council's position in the development of the Pacific Highway Planning Strategy.

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21 Pacific Highway Bypass (cont'd)

Sustainability Assessment:

- **Environment**

The alignment shown on the map seeks to avoid fauna and flora areas such as Ulitarra National Park, but inevitably cuts across State Forest land and private land which will have some environmental impact. The proposed alignment also crosses the newly proclaimed Sherwood Nature Reserve in the north. The corridor represents a strategic phase in the development of the roadway and opportunities for tunnelling, compensatory habitat, wildlife overpasses and underpasses will all need to be considered.

- **Social**

Council's adopted position represents the best outcome for the majority of the local community as expressed at Council's Community Forums; it meets the objectives and criteria set for the Pacific Highway Planning Strategy at the Forums.

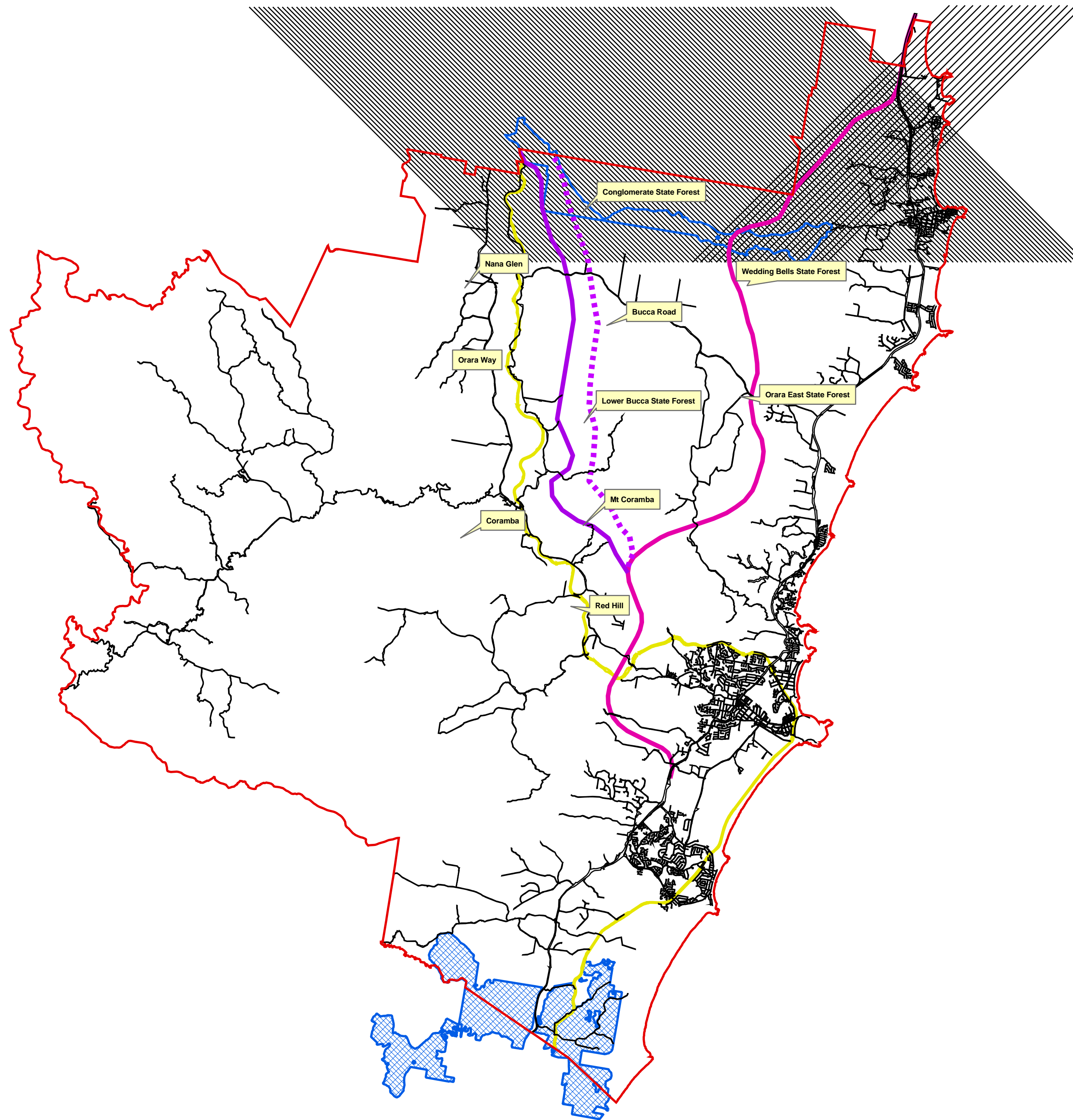
- **Economic**

This corridor does not represent the lowest cost option; a higher value has been placed on local community aspirations.

Recommendation:

That Council adopt the road corridor outlined on the map as Council's preferred corridor option for the Pacific Highway Bypass.

Mark Ferguson
General Manager



Legend

- Eastern Boundary
- Western Boundary
- ⋯ Western Boundary (Amend)
- Existing LGA Road Network
- North Coast Railway
- State Forests
- National Parks
- Coffs Harbour LGA Boundary