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Broadwater NSW 2472

M1 Interchange

The M1 upgrade has been a great improvement to the safety of all that travel it from Sydney to Brisbane BUT some of the decision making during its construction leaves a lot to be desired. In the Northern Rivers area of NSW is a group of towns namely Broadwater, Woodburn and Evans Head. Both Broadwater and Woodburn were recently devastated during the flood event on the 28th February 2022. This flood was followed up a month later with another flood. While not anything like the first it did cut the normal access road between Woodburn and Evans Head. As water levels were rising travel from Woodburn to Evans Head was at times restricted to the M1. From Woodburn you had to travel south to access the M1, then travel north to Broadwater BUT then you can't exit the M1 travelling north because the current interchange is only half an interchange. Many people evacuating from Woodburn to Evans Head were forced to either travel a further 16 kms to the next full interchange at Coolgardie or as many people did, perform a U-turn in the first emergency services cross over that was available.

I see this as a risk to the members of the public travelling on the M1 and something that could be easily fixed by making the current interchange a full interchange with the addition of 1 x off ramp in a northern direction and 1 x on ramp in a southern direction. The decision to only build a half interchange during the construction of the M1 at the time left everyone very confused as the cost would have been very small in the grand scheme of things if this work was completed at the time of construction.

Can you please pass this submission on to the relative government department for consideration, thanks.