PETITION – UPGRADE OF MAIN ROAD 217 TORONTO

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

The petition of residents in the Lake Macquarie electorate and citizens of New South Wales brings to the attention of the House the need for the immediate upgrade of Main Road 217 at Cary Street between The Boulevarde and Bay Street, Toronto.

There is record of a high number of traffic accidents along this stretch of road, which has five intersections within 400 metres. The Roads and Traffic Authority has recorded that at peak hour traffic can take up to 3½ minutes to travel the 800m section from Excelsior Parade to Bay Street and has purchased properties in readiness for road widening. Main Road 217 is the major link for commuters on the western side of Lake Macquarie and the Lower Hunter Regional Strategy predicts a significant increase in the population of western Lake Macquarie.

The undersigned petitioners request road upgrades in this location including road widening, dedicated turning lanes and extended merging lanes be expedited.

Name (please print)	Address	Signature

Please return completed petitions by 30 November 2010
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