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To The Joint Select Committee on Road Safety,

I was saddened by the recent death of a truck driver at the old BP Service Station Clybucca, July 6th at 12:50am, and I wanted to reach out as a former resident of the Macleay Valley Way and a truck drivers wife to share my concerns.

Clybucca is the half way point between Sydney and Brisbane and is used by many company drivers as a changeover spot. Changeovers which are not possible on the new bypass road so they have to detour onto the old road where there are no longer facilities or safe parking with the closure of the BP Service Station. I realise the hope was for them to use the South Kempsey Puma or Nambucca BP but they are not halfway and both sites can become too busy for changeovers at certain times.

It seems to me if the local council really wanted to support both our community and our trucking industry it would look into building a set of changeover pads at either the Frederickton or Stuarts Point Roundabouts. This would allow trucks to go straight back onto the motorway and from my outsider perspective both locations seem to have plenty of land for this purpose. Or at the very least petition BP to open up the unused parking area so trucks can pull off the road safely.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter of concern and I hope you can take these points into consideration.