

**INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
PROJECT**

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Dear Sir,

As a resident of the Hawkesbury area for nearly 40 years, I feel strongly about your "New" bridge. With the new developments of housing and businesses in the area my points are as follows.

Traffic in both am and pm peak times has grown to the point where it's become nearly a 2hr trip home from work in Seven Hills, with most congestion at McGraths Hill / Vineyard to the river crossing

The last heavy rain event in 2017, the river came to within 1 metre of the Windsor bridge roadway, however the flood area from Pitt Town Rd to Windsor was flooded and closed to all traffic, so even with your new bridge, traffic will not get to it due to flood water..

Why in this time of congestion everywhere, would a government agree to a "3 Lane Bridge". It would need widening very soon after.. Get it right first time..

Have you seen the amount of traffic and heavy vehicles using this route in both peak times. It can be very scary being on the bridge with a B-Double truck coming at you, or even a garbage truck.

The traffic build up to cross the river at school time is really disappointing to see. It can be stopped from Bridge St, right back to the Council Chambers in Windsor, taking up the total left lane.

In the morning run to school from Wilberforce, the traffic is so bad it can stretch back for kilometres trying to cross the river. It does make me happy to see the locals using the zipper system at the Freemans Reach Rd intersection, no road rage there yet.

During the bush fires along the F3 back in the 90's, The F3 was closed for days, this meant that the only way north out of Sydney was via the Putty Road. A wider bridge and some foresight would see the expansion of this route as a second entry into the Sydney Basin.

The road to the "new" bridge should start at the intersection of Pitt Town Road going via an elevated road across the flood area to the north of Windsor and using some of Governor Phillip Park, avoiding the heritage area of Thompson Square, This would then flow over the river to an intersection or round about and onto Freemans Reach and Wilberforce and beyond.

If the old bridge was still in use, this would allow local traffic to flow better and give more options for everyday life around the square.

Thanking you for the chance to respond and I would love to see a compromise of all ideas put forward. I look forward to seeing the results of the submissions.

Yours faithfully
Lorraine Daley