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INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I, like all Hawkesbury residents, am proud of the heritage that Windsor, as a Macquarie town, holds in NSW and Australia's history. Thompson square is central to that history and the plan to allow B Doubles some weighing over 60 tonnes to continue travelling through the centre of this square is not only historic vandalism but threatens the area's tourist industry.

The idea of dismantling a bridge only to replace it with another in more or less the same place shows a great lack of understanding of the needs of the local infrastructure. The present bridge was never intended to carry the excessive weights it presently does, however it is quite capable of carrying light local traffic (5 tonnes?), which would provide the extra crossing this area so desperately needs. If any doubt this just drive(or attempt to) from Wilberforce to Windsor at 8.30am. This light load bridge in tandem with a bypass bridge would go a long way to alleviating future traffic problems while utilising infrastructure already in place.

Regards,

Ken Caterson.