

**Submission
No 18**

INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Name: Mr Jack & Mrs Sally McGeady

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7.12.2017

Mr Robert Brown MLC ,
Chair of Committee Inquiry No 5,

Parliament House,
Sydney.

Dear Sir,

Re:- WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT INQUIRY

We are very pleased to read in the "Hawkesbury Gazette", that you have taken the time to personally visit the Windsor Bridge & historic Windsor, and that you will be Chairing an Inquiry to look at the project.

Beautiful historic Windsor should be preserved & not ruined by a Highway through it. Also the new bridge will not fix the traffic problems.

We have lived at Wilberforce for 52 years, and have 6 adult family members who commute to work over Windsor Bridge. They are delayed every working day, with BOTTLENECKS:- Mornings on Wilberforce Road, and Evenings on Windsor Road at McGraths Hill - Delays of 20 to 30 minutes is common.

We hope our suggestions will be considered at the Inquiry. We hope the Govt will reconsider the Windsor Bridge Replacement & do the Right Thing - listen to the people - and build a new Bypass Bridge.

Thank you,

Yours sincerely,

Jack & Sally McGeedy

P.S. :- Please find enclosed our submissions to Committee No 5. Also, a copy of our letter to the Premier (dated 12.7.2017).

WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

SUBMISSIONS TO COMMITTEE No 5 : -

REASONS AGAINST JUSTIFICATION FOR DEMOLITION:-

1. Windsor Bridge is one of the oldest in Australia and should be preserved for Heritage reasons.
2. Windsor Bridge should be preserved for Tourists & used as a walkway across the River to beautiful historic Windsor.

EXPENDITURE ON NEW BRIDGE: -

1. It is a total waste: - as proposed new bridge is only 2 or 3 lanes and has bottlenecks on surrounding roads on either side, which slows traffic down & is NO improvement at all to traffic movement.
2. Total waste of expenditure - unless there is at least a four lane BYPASS BRIDGE & surrounding roads built there will be NO improvement to traffic.

PERFORMANCE & EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROJECT.

1. Historic Windsor Town will be ruined with trucks, semi-trailers & heavy traffic directly in front of Heritage Buildings.
2. There will be no improvements at all- traffic flow could be slower with extra traffic lights etc.
3. TOURISM OF Windsor could be badly effected.

FINALLY: - WHY is Windsor not treated like many other Towns in N.S.W. & given a BYPASS Highway , Instead of the main road through beautiful historic Windsor.

THE SOLUTION: is to build a Windsor BYPASS that solves the problem for decades.

From J. & S. McGeady

This is a copy of a letter sent to the Premier of N.S.W.

We hope you could be interested in following up this issue.

The Premier of N.S.W.,

12.7.2017

Dear Premier,

Re: - WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

THIS IS A CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF POLITICIANS NOT LISTENING
TO THE PEOPLE.....

POLITICIANS - PLEASE LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE.

Windsor is the 3rd oldest town in Australia, & should be promoted for its historical value.

The Historic Windsor Bridge, built in 1874, & Windsor's historic buildings & Thompson Square should be a big part of the Tourist Industry.

Most people in the district feel the best and most forward thinking solution would be to build a Windsor By-Pass Bridge of four lanes.

Most local people cannot believe what the N.S.W. Govt is intending for a replacement of Windsor Bridge.

Their plan, apart from ruining Windsor, is definitely not efficient & will not improve traffic flow at all in peak hours. In fact, it will be worse with more traffic lights & still a 2 lane "bottleneck" across South Creek Bridge to McGraths Hill. If the present plan does go ahead, this piece of road has got to be updated to 4 lanes to cancel out "one big bottle neck".

We hope the Govt will reconsider the Windsor Bridge Replacement & do the Right Thing - listen to the people - & build a New By-Pass Bridge.

Yours sincerely,

Jack & Sally McGeady