

INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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This Project, referred to as Option 1, has so many negative aspects, and only one aspect that could be called positive, and that one aspect relating to the financial benefit likely to be gained by individuals with vested interests is seeing the existing Windsor Bridge removed, that it is impossible to come to any conclusion other than that Option 1 is simply driven by greed.

The damage that Option 1 would cause to the irreplaceable historical value of Thompson Square, and the existing bridge itself, cannot be overemphasised.

The claimed likely improvement to traffic conditions brought by Option 1 are impossible to justify.

The Bypass option, which the RMS refuses to contemplate, is the only option that will solve the traffic problems that are already occurring, and which will grow even worse, even if Option 1 proceeds.

Public support for the retention of the existing bridge, the protection of Thompson Square and the scrapping of Option 1 is demonstrated by the huge numbers of signed letters, protesting against Option 1, collected by CAWB. The campaign by CAWB, now in its fifth year has been hailed as a record breaking effort. I am proud to have spent many hours as part of that effort.

The contempt shown by members of the Government by refusing to meet with the community to even discuss this Project indicates the depth of collusion involved.

Windsor, the Hawkesbury, and Australia deserve a better outcome than what Option 1 would provide.