

## **INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

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Re: Inquiry into the Windsor Bridge replacement project

Honourable Committee Members

Please consider my submission to the above inquiry.

My paternal great-grandfather, Andrew Turnbull, was one of the contractors for the 'original' Windsor Bridge built in 1873/4. His name is on a plaque on the southern side of the current bridge which was refurbished in the early 1920's. I have not let this cloud my thoughts on this proposal. I have lived in the Hawkesbury LGA for almost 40 years and am not happy with the proposal for the replacement of Windsor Bridge for the following reasons:

1. The proposed bridge is being put in the wrong place, because WINDSOR NEEDS A BYPASS
2. Even a three lane bridge will not really help lessen the morning and afternoon peak traffic jams that reach back kilometres at times. Two lanes head south across the proposed bridge. There is still only one lane heading straight through towards Parramatta & Sydney for the morning peak; all the way through to McGraths Hill. The other lane is a right turn lane into both George & Macquarie Sts. WINDSOR NEEDS A BYPASS
3. Having two sets of traffic lights so close together, George St & Macquarie St, is unlikely to improve traffic flow at all. The morning traffic often banks back from the next set of traffic lights to the south at the Pitt Town & Windsor Rd intersection. WINDSOR NEEDS A BYPASS
4. A huge number of large trucks; including 'B-doubles' and 'trucks & dog' use Windsor Bridge. They are very noisy. These vehicles should not have to go through Windsor Township at all. Proposed extraction industries will only increase this heavy traffic. WINDSOR NEEDS A BYPASS
5. Historic Thompson Square should not be disturbed, as it is at present; it should be preserved. The new bridge should not have to encroach on Thompson Square at all. WINDSOR NEEDS A BYPASS
6. Yes, the current bridge is getting old but it is still solid and should be kept for 'local light traffic only' after the much needed bypass bridge is built. WINDSOR NEEDS A BYPASS.
7. In those rare times that the main Pacific Motorway (M1) is closed for prolonged periods between Sydney and Newcastle i.e. bushfires; Windsor Rd & Putty Rd becomes the main north/south route. This proposed bridge will still be a bottle neck. WINDSOR NEEDS A BYPASS
8. The historic towns of Camden & Picton are bypassed; among many others. It makes the town centres much more pleasant to be in. WINDSOR NEEDS A BY-PASS TOO.
9. The lack of proper consultation between our 'non-local' Local Member, Dominic Perrottet and the local community and CAWB has been very disappointing; almost non-

existent. With proper consultation the RMS and the Gladys Berejiklian Government would quickly realise that WINDSOR NEEDS A BYPASS.

10. WINDSOR NEEDS A BY-PASS. This bypass needs to go downstream of the current bridge; maybe from below the McGraths Hill intersection towards Pitt Town Bottoms and across to Wilberforce Rd. Yes, this will cost more, but money will not be wasted on an inappropriate bridge that will not solve our traffic problems.

Please don't let the Government waste our taxes on a bridge that is being built in the wrong place.

Thank you for the chance to put my thoughts forward

Kind regards

Mrs Sally Hatcher