

INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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I would like to submit my personal information in regard to this project which I truly believe has been flawed from the beginning.

I will submit my information in point form and will have photos attached for your information.

THERE IS A BETTER OPTION THAT WILL SAVE THE HERITAGE AND THE WINDSOR BRIDGE.

ITS CALLED A BYPASS. OTHER TOWNS HAVE BYPASSES.

The options presented to the community did not include a BYPASS , Many other towns throughout NSW have bypasses and retain their local roads for local traffic. Windsor is a town that needs to be preserved for future generations and by building a concrete bridge through the fragile Thompson Square precinct will ensure the demise of one of Australia's oldest towns. There are other options for a "win win" situation without 5000 trucks a day passing through the historic precinct of Thompson Square.

Traffic benefits appear to be nonexistent with proposed traffic lights replacing the roundabout in Thompson Square. And originally 2 lanes of traffic on the proposed bridge but now we are being told 3 lanes. Traffic lights and no continuance of the road towards Sydney with all traffic on a bridge that has one lane one way and two the other. There appears to be no benefit to the community and especially large B Double trucks traversing the bridge, the square and the traffic lights to head to their destinations.

The size of the trucks has grown in the last couple of years with the majority of these trucks containing land fill dirt, rubble, sand and very large blocks of sandstone from local or quarries out of the LGA.

Flood immunity is nonexistent regardless of the spin that's being broadcast by the RMS.

The new bridge leads to another flood plain on Wilberforce Road. In large floods it is impossible to drive along Wilberforce or Freemans Reach Roads which this new bridge will service. The township of Windsor sits on a flood plain squeezed between South Creek and the Hawkesbury River. There are other options to better assist traffic in floods and this includes a BYPASS further towards Wilberforce. As the area continues to grow and more large trucks appear to be using Windsor as a thoroughfare, a BYPASS is a logical solution in moving the large amounts of daily traffic away from the town centre and the fragile historic and oldest public square in Australia. Thompson Square.

The Windsor Bridge is a very old bridge that has served this community well. And continues to do so every single day. The stories regarding its safety are exaggerated. You will hear from others about the reports regarding the bridge and its safety. On a very basic level if the bridge IS as unsafe as

some would have you believe then why are the community still able to drive across the bridge today? And why is there not a load limit for the massive trucks that use the bridge daily? Please investigate this question as it is a safety issue and if we are being lied to and if not it needs to be refuted in all media outlets. You will see the attached photos of the size of some of the trucks I am talking about. The thousands of trucks that cross the river each day need a BYPASS like other towns that have trucks this size travelling around their community.

The community are calling for a BYPASS. The area is so rich with history that it needs to become a destination town for tourists who are screaming out for information about this area and keen to visit. But not when there's 5000 trucks roaring through the square. A bypass will prevent further destruction of this precious precinct.

For a community to have manned a tent 24/7 for almost 5 years is amazing and should show the people making this decision that people are serious about wanting the square retained along with the Windsor Bridge. Once its gone its gone forever and the heritage and history will be lost. No one will be coming to sit in the square with so much traffic thundering past.

Please look carefully at this project and the business surrounding how we got to this point. Its criminal to lose our history in this way when there is a much better option that will last the community for many years into the future unlike this replacement bridge project that will ruin the town of Windsor for ever.

Regards

Kim Smith

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Windsor needs a Bypass

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UNTIL c 1834**

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LEADER OF THE CASTLE HILL REBELLION & BATTLE OF VINEGAR
HILL. HUNG AT GREEN HILLS (WINDSOR) ON THE HAWKESBURY
5th - 8th MARCH 1804 WITHOUT A TRIAL. "DEATH OR LIBERTY"
(ERECTED BY HAWKESBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1998)