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

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The Director,  
Portfolio Committee No. 5,  
Parliament House,  
Macquarie Street,  
Sydney NSW 2000.

Dear Director,

Re: Inquiry into the Windsor Bridge Replacement Project

I wish to lodge my objection to the New South Wales Government's proposal to replace the current Windsor Bridge with another bridge which is planned to be built 35 metres downstream from the present one.

The current bridge is of historic value as is Thompson Square, both of which will be destroyed or permanently damaged as a result of this action. Surely we should be protecting our heritage not destroying it?

This action will damage the town of Windsor, the Hawkesbury and tourism to the whole area. There will be very little improvement to the flow of traffic, if any; the real solution is a by-pass. Why waste public money on a project, which will not deliver a real solution?

Thousands of people have signed letters opposing this project, however it seems that the New South Wales Government takes no notice of public opinion. Why waste public money on a project, which will not solve the traffic problem? In particular I object to this project because it represents poor value for money. As a resident in Kurrajong I am amazed and angry that there seems to be absolutely no will to find a proper solution to the problems associated with the proposed Windsor Bridge replacement project. It seems to me that the residents of the Hawkesbury are treated as second-class citizens we are too far away to be taken seriously.

I implore you to put a halt to this project that fails to deliver a quality outcome; Windsor Historic Bridge should be renovated and then maintained and a new Windsor by-pass bridge constructed. In my opinion this would be a far better way to spend public money and the outcome would be a far better solution. We should cherish Windsor, Thompson Square, Windsor Bridge and the historic significance of the whole area; it is one of the early settlements of modern day Australia and should be protected and cherished NOT destroyed.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Mason

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