

INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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Dear Committee Members

I wish to state my opposition to the proposed demolition of the Windsor Bridge.

There is at present a major problem with traffic congestion on both sides of the bridge especially during morning and afternoon peak hours.

There is a lot of through traffic and lots of it is heavy trucks, B Doubles and other large , noisy trucks.

The traffic problems will not be solved by demolishing the bridge and replacing it with another one on virtually the same site. This heavy vehicle traffic needs to be rerouted away from and around Thompson's Square.

The truck drivers and trucking companies need to be consulted for real feedback.

At present people going to and from work , parents taking children to and from school , shoppers and tourists are being seriously hindered by the congestion caused by the through traffic.

Windsor needs a by pass.

A by pass would be a great advantage to locals and tourists and truck drivers.

Bridge experts tell us that the present bridge has at least 50 to 100 years of life left in it with normal maintenance. Its life will be much extended if heavy trucks are diverted to a new , modern bridge built a few kilometres away.

It would be more economically efficient to spend the money budgeted for a new bridge further along the river to divert the traffic that is just passing through.

This would add to the national and state economies with a more free flowing transport of cargo carried by trucks.

This would also give tourists a more pleasant experience in historical Windsor and greatly enhance the quality of life of local residents .

Of course the other major positive outcome of building a new bridge a few Kilometres away would be that no more harm is done to our nationally significant historic site in and around Thompson's Square.

There is much of our heritage present in Thompson's Square , both Aboriginal heritage and from Governor Macquarie's time onwards.

Sincerely

Roger B Greal

(my parents had their wedding reception in the Macquarie Arms hotel . So this whole area is of special significance to my family)