

**INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
PROJECT**

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The Director,
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Dear Director,

Please excuse me if I start on a personal note.

My family is holidaying in France at the moment. In small places reached by going off the highway, they're seeing medieval washhouses on rivers that flow through villages that have been carefully restored using the services of skilled craftsmen. They're staying in B&Bs that are centuries old, walking across ancient bridges, and buying their food in undercover market places also dating back centuries. In short, they're doing what tourists could be doing in Windsor too, and in doing so, contributing to the economy of Windsor.

But what are you doing to promote this? Don't you have any idea of what stands to be destroyed in an economic sense by destroying Thompson Square and the bridge that goes across one of the world's great rivers?

I'll be changing a life-long voting pattern at the next election unless you put a stop to this wilful destruction that will do nothing to enhance Windsor's economy or its community life.

Please reconsider this matter carefully. The towns along the Hawkesbury, and Windsor in particular, could be such a grand showcase of our history.

Yours sincerely

Prue Gargano