

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

Please accept this letter as a submission to the Inquiry about Windsor Bridge in Windsor NSW.

I wish to register very clearly my 100% opposition to the current proposal to build a bridge just downstream from the current bridge and not to build a bypass.

I strongly object to this proposal on heritage, traffic and financial grounds.

1. **Heritage:** The existing Windsor Bridge and the adjacent Taylor Square are very significant in the history of Aboriginal Australia, and in Sydney and Australian history. The area was an important aboriginal site and is the location of Aboriginal artefacts of at least 30000 years of age. In Taylor Square we saw the birth of some of the principles of the egalitarianism or "Fair Go" that is so crucial to the Australian character and of which we should be so proud. It was Governor Macquarie actions that was vital to this.
2. **Traffic:** Any benefit gained by this new bridge is only a short term solution to the issues of traffic volume and flow in the area. It would only have to be replaced in the relatively near future. What should be done is a bypass. This would improve safety, flow, be a longer term prospect AND protect the heritage of the area. It would also improve the overall amenity of the area by **improving noise level and air quality. For the multiple road users, it will be safer and more** efficient for truck drivers and therefore all other road users (cars, pedestrians and cyclists). To build a bypass represents good planning and good sense.
3. **Financial:** The projects own EIS shows that it would have little or no impact on flood mitigation and only marginal impact on traffic.

I believe that the public are being very badly treated and ignored in the matter. Tens of thousands of signatures reflecting community concern and expert opinion also reflecting the concern that this is a poorly planned project have been ignored.

In conclusion, this is a project that fails to deliver a result that's best for the community and Australia on heritage, traffic and financial grounds and therefore I ask that you and the government listen to the people of Windsor, of Sydney and of Australia and review this proposal before it's too late

Yours sincerely,
Anne Jaumees