Submission No 58

INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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Dear Sir,

Please accept this correspondence as a Submission to the Windsor Bridge Inquiry. In making this Submission I wish to register my <u>opposition</u>, <u>objections</u> and <u>disgust</u> to the Government's proposal to build a bridge 35m downstream of the existing historic Windsor Bridge.

In particular, I object to this Project because it represents poor value for money, in that it does little or nothing (as confirmed in the Project EIS), to mitigate flood impacts, and will have no more than a marginal impact on existing and chaotic traffic conditions.

However, more importantly, as acknowledged by Government experts, the Project will have <u>catastrophic and irreversible impacts</u> on the Heritage Significance, Tourism Potential and Public Amenity of the <u>oldest Town Square in Australia</u>. It is disappointing to note that, despite tens of thousands signatures testifying to both Expert and Community opposition to this Project, the New South Wales Government has continued with a plan which will permanently force industrial vehicles through residential, recreational and retail urban space.

I have been extremely frustrated and angered by the refusal to respond in any meaningful way to the numerous and easily identifiable problems with the proposed Windsor Bridge Replacement Project.

In conclusion, this is a Project that fails to deliver a quality outcome; whether assessed in terms of Project Expenditure, the performance of the RMS, or the effectiveness of the Department's Strategic Planning. Given the Project's <u>obvious shortcomings</u>, I would like to see the project <u>stopped</u>, the <u>historic Windsor Bridge renovated and a new bridge constructed on a Windsor bypass</u>.

Yours faithfully, MARNIE BROWN