

**INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
PROJECT**

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I live in Sackville in the Hawkesbury and drive over the Windsor Bridge almost daily. Below is my submission in relation to the Windsor Bridge Replacement project.

I am strongly opposed to the current bridge replacement project that State Government and RMS recommends.

All the Independent Consultants commissioned by the Department of Planning have confirmed that the 'Option 1' plan is flawed and will have a negative impact on heritage, business and visual amenity. It will not alleviate the Hawkesbury's long term traffic demands and the long traffic queues that we are suffering now will just get worse as the population west of the river grows.

Cambray Consulting, who were commissioned by the NSW Dept. of Planning and Infrastructure to conduct independent traffic modelling into the project have concluded that "...it appears that the scope throughout much of the duration of the project has focused on justifying the preferred option, as opposed to undertaking a thorough investigation into alternative options." They suggest "...that it may be prudent to 'step back' and undertake a broader study to investigate long term solutions, and once a preferred long term solution is identified, consider a staged approach or interim treatments to progressively deliver that long term solution. This would avoid investing substantial funds into a traffic route which will have a limited 'life' due to constrained intersection capacity on the roads feeding the bridge."

This advice has been paid for by tax payers and is being ignored.

Option 1 will also result in the demolition of the historic Windsor Bridge, the destruction of indigenous artifacts, and compromise historical buildings around Thompson Square which are a significant tourist attraction in the area. As it is the traffic noise of large trucks going through the top of the town and over the bridge affects the peace and amenity of the area and is set to worsen with the current project. At the International Cities, Town Centres and Communities Conference in Melbourne, a paper was presented that stated the "Two factors most likely to kill off towns are increased traffic and loss of heritage and identity". This should not be allowed to happen in Windsor.

Most of the truck traffic that currently crosses the bridge does not have business in Windsor, and would benefit by being diverted away from the town centre via a bypass This would create a safer and cleaner environment for Windsor and Hawkesbury locals, maintain our historic Thompson's Square, improve traffic problems and make good sense.

I hope the inquiry will find in the favour of a sensible solution

thank you