

**Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
PROJECT**

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Dear Sir

Migrating from the UK in 1969 my husband and I moved to the Hawkesbury in 1973 and have made the area our home.

We are totally opposed to the building of a replacement bridge in the area designated. Thompson Square is the oldest public square in Australia dating back to 1795. There are many colonial Georgian buildings here, including the Macquarie Arms Hotel which was first licensed in 1815.

The Hawkesbury River Bridge was built in 1874 and is the oldest extant crossing of the Hawkesbury River. This bridge forms an important part of Windsor's history and identity. Plans for its removal should not be considered an option at any time.

The amount of traffic which is now using the bridge has increased dramatically in the last 12 months. 100's of trucks are using the bridge daily and it is believed that due to the Badgerys Creek Airport construction, over 1600 trucks will be using the bridge for carrying sand to the site. The building of a 2 lane bridge only 39 metres downstream from the current bridge will not improve the situation due to lack of road widening infrastructure on the Windsor Road.

With continual development along the Windsor Road from Rouse Hill towards Windsor, it will not be long before a by-pass will be needed anyway so, therefore, it makes good planning sense for all monies held for the new bridge to be utilised and build a by-pass NOW.

I look forward to my submission being read and accepted.

Jenny Duffy.