

**INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
PROJECT**

Name: Ms Sita Baker
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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 correspondence as a submission to the Windsor Bridge Inquiry. In making this submission **I wish to register my strong opposition and objections** to the Government's proposal to build a bridge 35 m 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, chaotic traffic conditions.

Furthermore, as acknowledged by Government experts, the project will have catastrophic and irreversible impacts on the Heritage significance, tourism potential and public amenity of the oldest Town Square in Australia. **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.

As someone who grew up in the Hawkesbury and who still has family living there I have made it my job to read project documents and provide feedback regarding the project.

I am frustrated and angered by the government's 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 obvious shortcomings, **I would like to see the project stopped, the historic Windsor Bridge renovated and a new bridge constructed on a Windsor bypass.**

Yours sincerely,
Sita Baker

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