

**INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
PROJECT**

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To The Review Committee

Re Parliamentary Enquiry Into Extensive Works
at Thompson Square & Windsor Bridge by RMS.

Dear Committee,

I believe the elected State Government has an obligation to provide facilities and services to the community and to carry out this responsibility in a manner so as to provide services in such a way as to obtain maximum benefit to the community from the expenditure involved.

The Windsor Bridge replacement project falls well short of these responsibilities.

The Windsor Road, McGraths Hill flat and the current crossing at the Windsor Bridge over the Hawkesbury River are currently unable to provide a smooth passage to the 20 to 25 thousand daily vehicle movements through historic Thompson Square. The Square received its name from Governor Lachlan Macquarie around 1814.

It was then a staging point for the transport of local farm products by sailing vessels to Broken Bay and to Port Jackson. There was no road.

Every aspect of providing satisfactory facilities points to a SECOND RIVER CROSSING by means of traffic diversion or an arterial by pass excluding the main traffic to the provincial locality originally called the Five Macquarie Towns.

The journey travelling by a pedalled cycle could be covered in less than half the time travelling to Windsor than does the trip after 3PM by motor vehicles when I rode to school years ago.

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There is some conjecture that the current 1872 Windsor Bridge needs to be replaced to facilitate sand dredging at Windsor as well as the upstream section of the Hawkesbury River.

Currently thousands of trucks are bringing sand in forty tonne loads along the Putty Road and crossing the Bridge at Windsor.

In view of the numerous road deaths and general misadventure of heavy road vehicles sand could be sourced by other means.

Suggest the inland desert like conditions of much of inland NSW could be investigated with a view to employing 60 tonne double bogie sand wagons on our underused rail system.

The move from rail transport to road trucks has resulted in a large number of unjustified road deaths attributable to poor use of available facilities by a culpable State government.

As for the continuing use and abuse of Thompson Square by a poorly advised State Government a by pass is desperately required away from the Square. JC

1 In 1791 Governor Phillip³ lead a party from
2 Parramatta Government House through Toogahie
and along the Killarney Chain of Ponds to
Windsor where they found suitable food growing
agricultural land.

Their initial walking path was called
Old Hawkesbury Road; still indicated in
an interrupted fashion on street directories
If extended the Road would cross Pitttown
Road North East of the McGaths Hill intersection
of Windsor Road and Pitt Town Road.

This would provide a facility that would reduce
the considerable amount of motor vehicle fumes
"FUMES" being delivered to the local community
On most days by delayed traffic movement.
The Windsor Bridge rest on concrete piers encased
in cast iron tubes which do not rust due to
4 to 6% of graphite contained in this primitive
but very durable metal.

Thank you for the opportunity to make
this submission.

Yours faithfully
James Cassidy