

**INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
PROJECT**

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Dear Ministers and Members,

As a resident who travels over the Windsor Bridge twice a day, I am strongly in favour of its replacement based on the knowledge that has been shared with me.

If there is any chance this bridge could fail as has been reported by engineers and people who have studied current state of the bridge - as opposed to the nostalgic person with no knowledge of engineering, then it has to be replaced. I would hate for their to be blood on the hands of any person who over ruled the closure and replacement of the bridge, only for their to be a terrible accident in the future.

There is no real traffic issue and the notion that a bypass for heavy vehicles would help - like non-heavy vehicles wouldn't use this bypass as well, is naive. You only have to look at towns up and down the mid north coast and north coast of NSW to see what a bypass can do to local business and a local community. It kills it.

I would also suggest, having observed it myself, that the CAWB group and their petition, is signed largely by non-residents visiting the area who walk past and get told that the cause is something everyone believes in - though in my circles I am yet to meet a local resident who has signed the CAWB petition.

I am all for retaining historic artifacts, and that can be done, but not at the expense of risking lives. If the reports are this bridge would fail in a flood, then it has to be replaced. Nothing further should be considered.

And if the CAWB group care so much about Thompson Square being there for the people - then why have they so greedily clogged up the square and prevented people from using it free from their intrusive behaviour and signs for such a long period of time?

Enough is enough - we can be progressive while retaining history - Replace the bridge, and request that order be restored by Law Enforcement in Windsor by removing the unsightly CAWB group from OUR square.