

INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Following is some of the story of the history of THOMPSON SQUARE.

Thompson Square is the oldest Town Square in Australia, originally named "Bell Square". In 1795 it was where the convicts would be mustered for the coming days work.

On Saturday, 12th January, 1811, Governor Macquarie renamed it Thompson Square in honour of the late, great, Andrew Thompson, in recognition of his enormous contributions to the Fledgling Colony, furthermore he rescued 109 settlers from their rooftops in floodwaters during the floods of 1806 and 1809. As a result of this action, Andrew Thompson contracted a lung infection from the cold waters and eventually died from this condition in 1810. Andrew Thompson was our Hero over 100 years prior to Gallipoli !!!

Anyone contemplating changing the date of Australia Day should consider the 12th January, the day Governor Macquarie vocalised "affair go" for anyone of diligent habits, right here in Windsor's Thompson Square".

Thompson Square must remain unsullied by the R.M.S.

OPTION ONE (dumb) will not solve traffic congestion,

Cannot be flood proofed, it is on a Flood Plain.

Option One would replace a concealed cutting which bisects the Square with a concrete monstrosity which bisects the Square. Obviously an economical sympathetic Foot Bridge could re-connect Thompson Square if that were truly a concern of the R.M.S.

If the R.M.S. are so concerned for pedestrian and cycle access to Macquarie Park from Windsor they could attach another cantilever pedestrian access on the Upstream side of the Windsor Bridge, as is often done on many other bridges.

The real cost benefit ratio of Option One is in the Negative.

Windsor needs "THE RICKABY LINE BYPASS", this is the only "Solution" to Windsor's ridiculous Traffic Woes.

This is the suggestion put forward by Mr. Ray Wedgwood and Mr. Brian Pearson, retired R.T.A. Engineers, who cannot be controlled by the political puppeteers.

We need the 3rd Hawkesbury Crossing.

It need not be any higher than 10metres as the Wilberforce Flood Plain starts to submerge at approx., 8.5netres flood level.

The junction of Wilberforce and Freeman's Reach roads and Rickaby Bypass could be moved further towards Wilberforce as more recently indicated by Mr. Ray Wedgwood in 2017.

The current Historic Windsor Bridge MUST remain for local traffic. In 2012 the R.M.S. connected load sensors (strain gauges) to the piers Deflections were below limits with B-Double Trucks upon it! This Bridge is an Engineering Masterpiece of 1874 (Thursday 20th August.), Thanks to Messrs. Turnbull, Dixon & Team. It is a \$50 million asset that has endured relentless abuse by R.M.S., yet still stands proudly serving the Hawkesbury.

The R.M.S. is an 'out of control Leviathan' aiming to bulldoze what it is incapable of appreciating.

R.M.S. is a master of Propaganda.

As it is morally corrupt it cannot comprehend HERITAGE and pays it only 'lip service'.

Never Trust the R.M.S.

Regards, Michael Greentree, Mechanical Engineer.

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