INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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As a Hawkesbury resident I am totally opposed to the Option 1 Windsor Bridge Replacement Project for the following reasons.

The planned project provides a minimum improvement the flood immunity but fails to provide the 1 in 5 level that was part of the project approval guidelines. The proposed increase from 1 in 2 to just under 1 in 3 is a futile investment to say the least. The proposed bridge actually makes flooding worse for hundreds of homes upstream as the bridge design restricts the existing flow

The project provides no long term traffic benefits with the forecast level of service of the relevant intersections being equal to the current situation which is horrendous and getting worse. The required speed limit of 60 km/h is not even provided, and the afternoon peak period traffic (the worst affected period) performs worse than it already does with the existing limitations. The delays and queues shown in the traffic reports are massively understated, with queues backed up every day for kilometres, but the new bridge doesn't fix the problem in any foreseeable way. Even the RMS says this isn't a traffic solution.

The level of community opposition to this project is obvious, with thousands of letters and signatures presented to the government. That's why the Liberal party lost so many votes at the council and Federal elections, because only the Liberal party supports this ridiculous idea. It's about time someone stopped, listened and responded by looking for a better alternative. The people want a bypass, the through traffic wants a bypass, and the trucks want a bypass too.

Save Thompson Square. Windsor Needs A Bypass.