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INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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I am not a resident of the Hawkesbury. However, I am a frequent visitor to the area and am considering retiring there in the future. The attraction for me is a relaxed, semi-rural lifestyle and a range of historical points of interest.

I am perplexed that the NSW Government is planning to replace Windsor Bridge in the face of extreme public outrage. I admire the local residents' sustained protest, now in its fifth year and cannot understand why the elected representatives will not engage with the community on this matter.

I was born in Europe where heritage is valued, preserved, and recognised as an asset that attracts visitors. It seems that in NSW heritage is regarded as getting in the way of progress.

I join with the residents of the Hawkesbury in opposing the Windsor Bridge Replacement Project on the grounds that it will destroy Windsor's valuable heritage.

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