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INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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I am opposed to this project.

It provides less than 1 in 5 flood immunity. The new bridge is only just 2.8m higher than the old one, and provides less than 1 in 3 flood immunity as well as increasing the flood impacts on hundreds of homes upstream.

It doesn't meet community needs for the long term by minimising the impact on recreational space, does not provide access to the river despite the RMS claims, and is akin to putting a picnic table beside the M4. Traffic noise is so bad the residences require noise mitigation measures, but none are provided for the park.

It doesn't improve traffic and transport efficiency, does not provide for a road speed of 60 km/h, does not minimise queue length/delays and does not improve the road network level of service performance long term. The reported traffic figures are woefully out of touch with the reality of the daily queues.

It doesn't minimise impacts on Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage or the visual impact of the bridge and road approaches on the local area. It destroys what is there, including the Macquarie brick barrel drains and the Greenway wharf.

It is the cheapest and worst option possible. Other options might cost more but did not have as many negative impacts in terms of noise, heritage, flooding, visual amenity and character of the local area.

The sensible solution is a bypass. Over 2,000 trucks a day should not be passing through this historic town.

The heritage of Windsor and Thompson Square should be saved from this destruction.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter