INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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I am opposed to this project because it doesn't meet the project objectives and has too many negative impacts.

It doesn't improve traffic and transport efficiency, does not provide for a road speed of 60 km/h, doesn't minimise queue length/delays or improve the level of service performance of the road network in the long term. This can be readily seen in the RMS reports.

It doesn't go close to providing the promised 1 in 5 flood immunity, and is reported to provide just under 1 in 3 immunity. The RMS said at the start it would improve flood immunity, but also advised the 1 in 5 level would be achieved. This is clearly an attempt to mislead the community.

It doesn't meet community needs for the long term by minimising the impact on recreational space.

It doesn't minimise impacts on heritage and character of the local area, with regard to Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage and the visual impact of the bridge and road approaches. The bridge design itself is against the RMS own guidelines for a level bridge to minimise the visual impact, and is an intrusion into the heritage vistas of the existing Square.

It is a cheap and nasty option. Other options cost more but had much less negative impact on the Windsor environment.

Windsor needs and deserves a bypass. The heritage of Windsor and Thompson Square needs and deserves protection from such intrusive development.

Thanks for your consideration of this matter.