

**Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
PROJECT**

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In reference to the Windsor (NSW) Bridge replacement:

It is with anger, frustration and sorrow, that despite strong community opposition, I watch the RMS destruction of this most important and irreplaceable part of Australia's early colonial infrastructure. The history of Windsor's place in Australian history is well documented, and indisputable! The recent unearthing of artefacts including large and expertly constructed brick drains stand testament to, and demonstrate the value of Windsor's place in Australia's colonial history. That a sound-minded government would destroy this history is inconceivable! I reiterate, it is inconceivable that in the 21st Century, this history could be destroyed and buried beneath a road!

* In financial terms, Windsor's heritage is its life blood! Irrevocably changing this part of Windsor will destroy the authenticity of Windsor's heritage and its role in the the economy of the Hawkesbury.

* Windsor Bridge has been deemed sound, and is evidenced by the traversing of thousands of vehicles each day. To replace a functioning and sound bridge of similar size, at the cost of millions, is a scurrilous waste of our public money. This current plan will not alter the at times horrific traffic congestion that occurs at Thompson Square.

I believe that evidence firmly indicates that the Hawkesbury district is entitled to an alternative route across the Hawkesbury!