

INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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Windsor Bridge Replacement Project Inquiry

I am opposed to this project because it doesn't do enough in meeting the stated project objectives.

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

It doesn't even get close to providing 1 in 5 flood immunity, being just under 1 in 3 according to the RMS Environmental Impact Statement. It is not good enough protection to justify the cost and damage it entails.

It doesn't meet the Hawkesbury community's needs for the long term by minimising the impact on recreational space, which is already lacking in the town due to its historic layout.

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 idea of putting blue lines on walls to indicate flood heights is insulting to say the least given the enormous aesthetic impact the proposed bridge would have on the heritage views from within and around Thompson Square.

It is the worst option that was considered. Other options might have cost more but had less negative impacts and performed better in regard to the project objectives.

Windsor needs a bypass for through traffic and heavy vehicles, the same as many other towns have had provided. The heritage of Windsor and Thompson Square needs and deserves protection.

Thanks for your time and consideration of my submission.