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## **INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

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I have had the pleasure of travelling to many tourist places in the world where heritage is celebrated. When I look at the Windsor Bridge and the Thompson Square places like the French Quarter New Orleans, Savannah Georgia and the quaint villages found in Europe spring to mind. These are places where individuals and governments fought to protect Heritage and now these destinations draw tourists from all over the world.

I can envisage a Windsor where the old town Square and Bridge is revitalised and peaceful with through traffic directed out of town. Where tourists both international and aussie's can come and soak up our British settlement History.

This spot claims the oldest town square. The 3rd oldest European settlement. Flanked by interesting old buildings, the majestic river, historic bridge and beautiful leafy surrounds Windsor screams with unmet potential.

Not only would I like to see a bypass, but I would like to see this Heritage area celebrated, cared for and recognised for the gem that it is.

On a practical note. The replacement of the 2 lane Bridge with a 3 Lane Bridge will not provide an adequate traffic solution. Windsor has a horrendous traffic problem that is killing the town. I know many locals including myself who won't have dinner there of the evening for fear of the traffic.

This is a once only opportunity to preserve History and allow a remarkable Aussie town to flourish. Windsor can not reach it's potential as a historic landmark and quaint tourist destination if Option 1 goes ahead.