

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

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I am a life-long repeat visitor to Windsor because of its historical ambience and family history with original settlers buried nearby.

The proposed bridge will not fix the problems of traffic or flood or future development for the Hawkesbury area and in fact will add to the problems of traffic, do nothing to alleviate traffic concerns during floods and destroy the oldest historical remains of Colonial settlement.

There have been other viable options which will help to alleviate traffic and flood problems, keep trucks from the town centre, preserve heritage, cater for future developments and most importantly, serve the people. These options include bypasses.

Putting a major road which includes a designated B-Double route through a town square is the most ridiculous idea that could be found. It will make the square almost unusable due to the traffic noise which is apparently considered above safe levels for exposure. Who wants to have a picnic in a park next to a truck route? Wouldn't you rather be able to enjoy looking at the beautiful heritage homes without having an ugly modern construction in the way, while the traffic is on a bypass around the town?

I am of the generation who believes that our elected representatives are chosen to serve the people. However the recent decision of the State Government to waste taxpayer money in the construction of a new bridge, which does not fix the problems it is supposedly intended to do, generates in me and others a degree of cynicism that this government does not intend to serve the people at all.