

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

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I consider the Option 1 project should not go ahead as it does not meet the project objectives established in July 2009 and is totally ineffective in addressing traffic issues:

It fails to deliver the required objectives regarding traffic and transport efficiency. It will exceed capacity at some intersections by 2021 at forecast growth meaning I will be stuck in traffic just as badly as I am now.

It fails to provide for a 1 in 5 year flood event and actually provides less than 1 in 3 immunity. This directly affects me as a resident north of the bridge who uses it for travel every day.

It does not meet community needs for the long term.

It does not minimise impacts on heritage and the character of the local area, It ruins the amenity of the oldest town square in the country for no discernible benefit. It digs up Aboriginal and Colonial heritage with no respect for our past. You cannot replace this stuff with interpretive signs regardless of how nice they might look. The heritage impact alone is immeasurable.

It has not adequately or properly addressed the costs and benefits of each of the options proposed initially, but focused on the one which was announced a year before the project was even publicised. The government must think we are all idiots.,

It is opposed by the community due to its detrimental effects on every level.

Other alternatives have been identified but not properly investigated, as shown by the Cambray report on the project.

Windsor should have its heritage protected and an additional river crossing bypassing the town is the most sensible course of action for the long-term future traffic and flooding needs of the region. Traffic through Windsor has far too many trucks and other heavy vehicles which should not go through this historic town. The best location for the new crossing should be determined by looking at government plans for the Outer Sydney Orbital and the Bells Line of Road corridor so the most effective solution is achieved. The current bridge proposal is not the answer and will do nothing to improve the current traffic problems or flood issues.