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**INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
PROJECT**

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Although we live in Katoomba my wife and I have taken part in sitting at the CAWB stall on Thompson Square to campaign against the proposed replacement of the bridge.

I see Thompson Square and its surrounds as a significant part of our national heritage.

The replacement bridge can be built elsewhere, and there are sites, I understand, which would make more sense for flood immunity and the long-term easy flow of traffic around the Macquarie towns of Richmond and Windsor. Thompson Square and its surrounds, in contrast, are irreplaceable. The present plan for the replacement bridge brings to mind the plans to demolish The Rocks and the Victoria Building in Sydney. There can be few who would now regret that those plans were put aside and those parts of our early history were preserved. I respectfully ask the Committee to take a similar view of Thompson Square in Windsor.