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INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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As a regular visitor to Windsor I am totally opposed to this project, its lack of benefits and its negative outcomes.

It doesn't meet community needs for the long term by minimising the impact on recreational space.

It doesn't improve traffic efficiency, does not provide for a road speed of 60 km/h, does not minimise queue length/delays and does not improve the road network level of service performance long term. One of the traffic reports shows the service level will be unacceptable as early as 2021 so as a traffic solution it fails miserably.

It provides less than 1 in 3 flood immunity and increases potential upstream flood risks to hundreds of homes

It doesn't minimise the impact on indigenous and colonial heritage or the visual impact of the bridge and road approaches on the amenity of the local area. It destroys what is already there, including the Macquarie-era brick barrel drains and the Greenway wharf which could be a tourist goldmine if retained. The mitigation measures are destructive and no amount of "interpretive signage" can replace what will be destroyed by the salvage work proposed. Salvage should only occur if there is an imminent risk - the only risk here is provided by the Government.

It might be the cheapest option possible but other options which cost marginally more did not have as many negative impacts. The cost benefit analysis didn't show what the other options provide, only Option 1, which casts a shadow over the validity of the process.

The only sensible solution is a bypass. Over 2,500 trucks a day are passing through this historic square and they should be on a bypass route with other through traffic.

The heritage values of Windsor and Thompson Square should be saved from this government.