

**INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
PROJECT**

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I wish to state my opposition to the proposed demolition of the Windsor Bridge.

There is at present a major problem with traffic congestion on both sides of the bridge especially during peak hours. There is a lot of through traffic and lots of it is heavy trucks, B Doubles and other large vehicles like cement mixers. The traffic problems will not be solved by demolishing the current bridge and replacing it with another one on virtually the same site. This heavy vehicle traffic needs to be rerouted away from and around Thompson's Square.

The truck drivers and trucking companies need to be consulted for real feedback. At present people going to and from work, parents taking children to and from school, shoppers and tourists alike are all being seriously hindered by the congestion.

Windsor needs a bypass. A bypass would be a great advantage to locals, tourists and truck drivers.

Bridge experts tell us that the present bridge has at least 50 years of life left in it with normal maintenance. Its life will be much extended if heavy trucks are diverted to a new, modern bypass bridge a few kilometres away.

It would be more economical to spend the money budgeted for a new bridge further along the river to divert the traffic that is just passing through. This would add to the national and state economies with more free flowing transport of cargo.

This would also give tourists a more pleasant experience in historical Windsor and greatly enhance the quality of life of local residents .

The other positive outcome of building a new bridge a few kilometres away would be that no more harm is done to significant historic items in and around Thompson Square. There is much of our heritage present in Thompson Square , both Aboriginal heritage and from back in Macquarie's time onwards.

We need to preserve what we have left, build the bridge elsewhere and save Windsor from this path of destruction.

Besides, the new bridge doesn't help with flooding as it provides less than 1:3 immunity. It was supposed to give us 1:5 but doesn't. Quite simply, it costs far more than it delivers and should be stopped.