

**INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
PROJECT**

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I am a citizen of the Hawkesbury and have been for about 30 years. I have spent many years crossing the bridges in the Hawkesbury - Windsor and Richmond bridges and I have witnessed the great build up of traffic numbers over those years.

Both Richmond and Windsor Bridges are pushed beyond their maximum capacities in the morning and afternoon peak hours and now even ordinary day time traffic is extremely busy.

Windsor Bridge is suffering from the greatly increasing number of heavy, large trucks trucks - many are now enormous B-Doubles - 2,500 a day now and soon to be 5,000 we are told.

These trucks then push their way through the narrow funnel of the heritage precinct of Thompson Square with their noise drowning any conversation, their fumes hanging in the air and their constant vibrations doing damage to the historic buildings which closely line Bridge Street.

The truck traffic combined with the heavily increasing local tradie and domestic traffic makes the Heritage Precinct of Thompson Square a very unpleasant place to come to contemplate the site that established the Fair Go in Australia's history and from which all of us have benefited.

Windsor needs a bypass to solve the traffic nightmare of Thompson Square, to save the unique heritage of Thompson Square and to ultimately save the historic town of Windsor from disappearing under over development.

It is known that the RMS WBRP was never intended to solve Windsor's traffic problems (from RMS EIS Statements) and that a 3 lane bridge will do very little to help the situation. The 3 lane bridge is in fact the cheapest solution the RMS could find to facilitate the passage of sand trucks coming down from new mines in the Upper Colo and even further North from around Nelsons Bay. The sand is needed to build the expanding city of Sydney and the second airport.

This situation was known about some time ago and the RMS and the Government should have better prepared for this situation by planning and building a bypass for Windsor.

The historic town of Windsor should not have to pay with the forever loss of its precious heritage precinct of Thompson Square and its heritage items (the RMS in its Salvage Archaeology has unearthed the convict barrel vaulted drains or the famous Windsor's Smuggler's Tunnels) in order to be the scapegoat for government lack of foresight in providing a solution to this problem.

Rather, the Hawkesbury should make good use of its heritage as a tourist attraction. That can't happen with 5,000 trucks barreling through there a day on an elevated concrete arterial road blocked by 2 sets of lights and the constant braking and revving of enormous trucks.

Please save our heritage and listen to our commonsense arguments.