

Submission  
No 225

## INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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The Director,  
Portfolio Committee No. 5,  
Parliament House,  
Macquarie Street,  
Sydney NSW 2000.

Dear Director,

**Re: Inquiry into the Windsor Bridge replacement project**

Please accept this correspondence as a submission to the Windsor Bridge Inquiry. In making this submission I wish to register my opposition and objections to the Government's proposal to build a bridge 35 m downstream of the existing, historic Windsor Bridge.

**Traffic**

In particular I object to this project on the grounds of its failure to address existing, chaotic traffic conditions (Cambray Consulting for DPI)  
OR mitigate flood impacts, as roads on either side of the bridge are no less flood prone.

A Windsor by-pass for heavy and through traffic is a self evidently a better option, to the traffic bottleneck, noise pollution and flooding on Windsor/McGraths Hill roads to and from the Windsor river crossing.

**Heritage**

I further object to Option 1 on the well documented 'heritage grounds' documented by RMS' heritage advisors, Heritage Council of NSW, Royal Australian Historical Society, National Trust and Dept of Planning Independent Heritage Review. My own experience of a guided walking tour around Thompson Square, Windsor, the oldest TpwN Square in Australia, and its surrounds, was an impactful revelation of early European settlement on the Hawkesbury 'frontier', which I recommend as essential for anyone with a responsibility/ interest in this project. The construction of a C21st RMS motorway/bridge through the centre of this precinct, with the destruction of the historical Windsor Bridge would be a disaster for the unique heritage and history of this place.

**Community and expert opposition**

Despite tens of thousands signatures testifying to both expert and community opposition to this project, the New South Wales Government has continued with a plan which will permanently force industrial vehicles through residential, recreational and retail urban space.

As a resident of the Hawkesbury I have been frustrated and angered by the refusal to respond in any meaningful way to the numerous and easily identifiable problems with the proposed Windsor Bridge replacement project.

In conclusion, this is a project that fails to deliver a quality outcome; whether assessed in terms of project expenditure, the performance of the RMS, or the effectiveness of the department's strategic planning. **Given the project's obvious shortcomings, I would like to see the project stopped, the historic Windsor Bridge renovated and a new bridge constructed on a Windsor bypass.**

Yours sincerely,

28 January 2018