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**INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT  
PROJECT**

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The Windsor Bridge Replacement Project, a government project in my own backyard, is so apparently and unbelievably ridiculous it can not be serious.

To quote a song written about this debacle, what kind of fool knocks down a two lane bridge to build a two lane bridge? I know it's now going to be three lanes, but seriously?

What are the real reasons behind this project? No satisfactory explanations to this and many other questions have ever been given.

The proposed new bridge doesn't fix the traffic issues, it doesn't provide much in the way of improved flood immunity for the northern towns, it destroys significant heritage and for what? A 3 year maximum marginal improvement in traffic?

Why don't the brains trust in this government wake up and give the people what they want? They want a bypass for the town to take the heavy vehicle traffic on another route and fix the daily nightmare of trying to squeeze through a bottleneck caused by intersections that aren't even going to be altered.

Save Thompson Square and it might become a bigger tourist attraction than what's left of Port Arthur, which isn't even as old as the Square. Just because it isn't in ruins doesn't mean it has less value. Imagine how much the Hawkesbury could gain from a tourism industry based on being the third oldest colonial settlement in the country. The potential is enormous, but not if this bridge project destroys it all.

Keep the bridge, save the Square and build a bypass. Simple.