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**INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
PROJECT**

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I'm a regular visitor to Windsor for both social and work reasons and can not believe the Windsor Bridge proposal ever got off the ground.

The proposed bridge does not meet it's stated objectives in terms of flood immunity, traffic efficiency, minimisation of heritage impacts, minimisation of noise impacts, providing a 60 km/h road speed, or even being cost-effective in relation to maintenance cost. Looking at the existing bridge it looks like it's had nothing spent on it for decades given the centre lines (what you can see of them) and railings look like they were last done during the Roman Empire. The road surface is so badly maintained it has weeds growing through it despite 20,000 plus vehicles a day driving across the bridge.

The community is crying out for the bridge to be retained for local traffic use and a bypass built in another location to take through traffic and trucks away from the town centre. This is what happens in most other towns in NSW and even nearby Pitt Town is getting a bypass with only about 1700 trucks a day compared to Windsor's 2500 or more.

Windsor is one of the earliest settlements of the colony, and the existing bridge is the first built crossing of the Hawkesbury River. It had heritage listing before this project began and it should never have been turned off by the government declaring thi8s woeful plan State Significant Infrastructure.

The RMS have got one job to do and apparently can't do it properly. Hopefully this Inquiry can see fit to give the area a proper solution and not destroy it in the process. Build a bypass and keep the existing bridge for local traffic and pedestrians. It's really that easy.