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**INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
PROJECT**

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Parliaments and parliamentarians are becoming more and more accountable for their actions and how they go about their decisions and the spending of tax payers' money or wasting of it, also for corrupt actions. This decision to build a new bridge adjacent to the old Windsor Bridge reeks of absolute incompetence and/or corruption and/or cover up of the real reason

To replace an existing bridge with a new bridge that effectively achieves nothing considering the amount of money that will be spent on it and its long term effect all makes no engineering sense. There is an absence of any forward planning or future master planning or consideration for the entire area of the Hawkesbury's future, especially overall flooding

To just place a bridge that leads directly into an entire flood zone, Freemans Reach peninsular, that has been under water several times in my lifetime, is absolutely idiotic, and is just an half baked effort to only solve very minor flooding issues and nothing else let alone major flooding. Also it does nothing to solve traffic volume now or any future requirements

There is no consideration for the future planning of the surrounding areas and is just a crises management approach or is it just a lurk for the contractors especially when the Iron Cove Bridge duplication cost \$175 million, do the sums

Also why is it so important to spend this money on a bridge that the overwhelming majority of the population of Hawkesbury don't want? There has been no common-sense applied to the Hawkesbury infrastructures over the decades e.g. the flood issues has been an absolute joke, with no real commitment to the issues

Instead of putting the Jim Anderson Bridge where it is now it should have been put at Wilberforce as suggested over 30 years ago, from Argent Road Wilberforce over the river and connected to Windsor Road through Scheyville and Oakville. Then the new bridge to replace Windsor Bridge should have been put between the current Windsor Bridge and the bridge at North Richmond. This would have solve all the problems now and for the future

It appears to me that we have no government these days that can perform like past governments in building and developing of this country like they did prior to the 1970's, now it's all just hotchpotch
So let's start getting it right

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