

**Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
PROJECT**

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I am opposed to option 1 - Windsor Bridge Replacement. I am in favour of building a bypass instead. Thank you for reading my points listed below:

1. The bridge replacement is impractical and it doesn't solve traffic problems, instead contributes to long term traffic problems by keeping more traffic going through Windsor:

A replacement bridge is cheaper than a bypass in the short term, yes. HOWEVER it is not a long term solution, or even a short term one as it will not fix the traffic flow problems, especially considering the residential developments and increase in trucks driving in the region. Therefore it is a waste of taxpayer money – just spend more and make a bypass and at least put the money to effective use for future financial gain. A bypass is already needed anyway!

2. Decrease in business to Windsor because of traffic choking the town if option 1 is used rather than bypass:

Right now many locals don't go to shop or have leisure time at Windsor because the traffic is so bad and replacement bridge won't fix that. A bypass for trucks and people driving straight through would take considerable pressure off traffic and make it much easier for patrons to drive to, park and shop in and visit Windsor

3. Decrease in business in Windsor from Local and international Tourism:

Windsor is the heart of the Hawkesbury! The historic feel of the old bridge, the square and its surrounds create the atmosphere and history that BRINGS tourism to Windsor and to the Hawkesbury – both local and international. Option 1 will ruin this completely, and fewer consumers will come to Windsor so businesses will suffer. Saving some money in the short term but forever losing those attributes is FOOLISH!

4. Losing irreplaceable Australian heritage:

Thompson square is named after an emancipated convict named Andrew Thompson who became a respected and successful business person and a respected and admired member of the community and ended up becoming a magistrate for the district. Thompson Square therefore symbolises Australia's classless society in which everyone is entitled to a 'fair go' and can advance themselves despite the 'class' they were born into. This concept is so important to Australians. Not only is Thompson Square integral to maintaining the heritage and beauty of Windsor, it also represents the values that Australians hold dear. It is Australia's history!

5. Loss of faith in the government amongst the public if option 1 goes ahead:

The fact that option 1 just makes no sense and fails to see the much bigger picture of heritage, business to Windsor, waste of tax payer money and permanent loss of something the community loves has made many lose faith and trust in the current government. It seems that this government does not understand the big picture and does not represent the long term interests of the Hawkesbury. This government will not listen - and therefore has failed to represent its people.

6. Scrap option 1 and opt for better long term planning with a bypass:

We have a chance now to plan wisely for the future of Windsor and the Hawkesbury. Please keep Windsor the special place it is and keep its iconic, historic treasures for future generations to enjoy. Keep it the unique and wonderful place it is and increase revenue in the future through tourism and

better planned road system to facilitate business and lifestyles. The option 1 bridge replacement is no solution – a bypass will be eventually needed anyway, let's do it right now, before the essence of Windsor is forever lost.