

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

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I am a resident of Katoomba in the Blue Mountains. Although I am not immediately impacted by the Windsor Bridge protection issue, [have lent support to the project to save the present bridge for reasons of historic protection and to protect the historic Thompson's Square. A further important issue is the well-being of local residents in their day-to-day living in the area.

A third crossing of the Hawkesbury River is desperately needed to relieve traffic congestion throughout Windsor, Richmond and North Richmond.

The Government wants "Option 1" replacement of the present two-lane bridge with another two-lane bridge. This will not fix traffic and will guarantee increased traffic congestion. The cost of this inadequate proposal stands at \$100 million.

This proposal will forever destroy Australian heritage and its history. The replacement of the present bridge will heavily impact Thompson's Square: I believe it to be the oldest Town Square in the nation.

I ask that the present historic Windsor Bridge be renovated for local traffic.

I ask that a third crossing for through-traffic and for heavy vehicles be constructed as a long-term solution for traffic in the Hawkesbury.

This will allow the Windsor Town Square area and its environs:

protection of Australian heritage,

pedestrian safety;

minimum traffic noise;

removal of heavy vehicle traffic from historic Windsor,

and will provide improved public space..

I urge the Government to adopt the option that supports the people of the local area - and the nation - in every way. The construction of a third crossing is the most cost-effective option for the on-going transport needs of heavy-vehicle road users from everywhere..