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## **INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

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The Windsor Bridge project should not go ahead as it does not meet the project objectives and is an ineffective measure to address traffic issues:

1. It fails to deliver the required objectives regarding traffic and transport efficiency, such as a road speed of 60km/h and an improved level of service,
2. It fails to provide for a 1 in 5 year flood event and increases flood risk to many homes instead,
3. It does not meet long term community needs by minimising noise and impacts on local businesses,
4. It does not minimise impacts on heritage and the character of the local area, particularly the visual impacts of the bridge and approach roads,
5. It has not adequately or properly addressed the costs and benefits of other options,
6. It is opposed by the community due to its detrimental effects, and
7. Other alternatives have been identified and not properly or fully investigated.

Windsor deserves to have its heritage assets protected and a third crossing, a bypass route, is the most appropriate course of action for the long-term future traffic and flooding needs of the region.

The current traffic through Windsor has far too many trucks and other heavy vehicles which should not be forced to go through such a historic town. The RMS Traffic Volume Viewer shows far more traffic than has been used in the modelling, as far back as 2015, so the validity of the traffic modelling has to be seriously questioned.

There appears to be an ulterior motive behind the desire to remove the current bridge. Maybe this Inquiry will reveal what that is.