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INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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I am opposed to the Windsor Bridge replacement as it does not stand up to proper scrutiny from a financial perspective.

The provided reports on the relative costs and benefits of various options are inadequate, poorly presented and do not meet the appropriate guidelines set out by the government for such projects. The failure to deliver this information indicates a lack of disclosure that is highly questionable.

The cost benefit analysis I can find does not even provide a decent base case using the status quo, but calculates a scenario where the bridge is removed and not replaced. This makes absolutely no sense and demonstrates a marked deviation from standard procedure.

Unless a proper CBA is done on all of the presented options a decision to proceed with the project should not have been made.

The whole purpose of analysis is to work out what the best solution is to an existing problem. In the current circumstances it has created a worst case scenario to justify what should have been a simple choice. This questions the integrity of the entire process.