INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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The Director, Portfolio Committee No.5, Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney,NSW,2000

Dear Director,

Re:Inquiry into the Windsor Bridge replacement project

Im writing to you today as a submission to the Windsor Bridge Inquiry.

This submission is to register my opposition to the Governments proposal to build a 3 lane bridge through Historic Thompson Square.

I object to the removal of the current Windsor Bridge that is an asset to the township of Windsor.

Our Town has the potential to become a tourist destination, bringing much needed economic opportunities to local small business while showcasing our unique history.

I object to this project as there is poor value for money, it won't give us a safe evacuation route in times of flood or emergency (as confirmed in the project EIS), and won't help with our current traffic chaos. The intersections either end of the bridge are the main problems we endure daily. The only solution would be to bypass the heart of Windsor, taking all the trucks away from residential, recreational and retail urban space.

This is not the first instance I have let my opposition known to this Government, lve signed many letters and petitions (hard copy and electronic) to show I do not support the destruction of Historic Thompson Square. I have become frustrated and angered by the Governments refusal to respond in any meaningful way to the obvious problems the proposed Windsor Bridge replacement project.

This past January 26, Australia Day, I visited Thompson Square, it was a rare sight as there where no heavy vehicles using this route. Many visitors were enjoying Thompson Square.

In conclusion, this project fails to deliver an outcome that the community requires to be able to move safely throughout this area. To walk down to the wharf or river bank is near impossible and will not improve under the proposed plans. I would like to see the project stopped with the Historic Windsor Bridge renovated and a new bridge built as the Windsor Bypass. The new Bridge is the right Bridge in the wrong place.

Yours Sincerely,

28th January 2018.