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**INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
PROJECT**

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I wish to state my opposition to the proposed demolition of the Windsor Bridge.

There is already a major problem with traffic congestion on both sides of the bridge especially during peak hours with a lot of through traffic and lots heavy trucks, B Doubles and other large, noisy vehicles.

The traffic problems will not be solved by demolishing the bridge and replacing it with another one in virtually the same spot.

At present people going to and from work, parents taking children to school, shoppers and tourists are being hindered by the congestion caused mainly by the through traffic.

Windsor needs a bypass.

A bypass would be a great advantage to locals as well as tourists and truck drivers.

Bridge experts tell us that the present bridge has at least 50 years left in it with proper normal maintenance. It's life will be extended if heavy trucks are diverted to a new, modern bypass bridge built not far away.

It would be more economical to spend the money budgeted for the new bridge further along the river to divert the traffic passing through and leaving the existing bridge for local traffic.

This would add to the national and state economies with a more free flowing transport network.

This would also give tourists a more pleasant experience in historical Windsor and greatly enhance the quality of life for local residents .

There is much of our heritage present in Thompson Square, both Aboriginal heritage and from Governor Macquarie's time onwards. The tourism potential of this is recognised by Council and they have plans to capitalise on it, which would be thwarted if the new bridge goes ahead.

The economic prosperity of the town is severely hindered if the proposed construction continues. Please heed the independent experts who have said this should not go ahead and stop it before it is too late.