

**INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
PROJECT**

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I am most passionately opposed to Option 1 (Windsor replacement bridge) for the following reasons.

Option 1 does nothing to alleviate the bottleneck on the approach roads to Thompson Square from either side of the river and there is nothing in terms of addressing the future needs of our area or the projected increase of truck movements. We gain a new set of traffic lights at Thompson Square which will stop traffic, where now it actually flows, albeit at a crawl during peak times.

Nothing about Option 1 has the potential to improve Thompson Square or surrounds.

Tourism which is a major drawcard to our area would be affected by this option due to its size/scale and visual impact. Thompson Square is a much visited and photographed area and will be completely dissected by this new road. The project is not in keeping with a Georgian Square dating back to the early 1800s - the oldest .

"In 2010 the Hawkesbury had 646,000 day and 163,000 overnight visitors. These tourists injected an additional \$81 million dollars into every facet of the Hawkesbury economy." (Federal Member for Macquarie, Louise Marcus, 11 July 2012) This project has the potential to negatively impact the tourist interest in this immediate area.

There is an enormous amount of information about this proposal that defies logic. The findings in regards to our loss of amenity, heritage, increased traffic/truck movements and the negative visual impacts on Thompson Square, cannot be denied.

the process of presenting options began the deception way back in 2009 and the government and RMS continue to play games with the truth to this day. The claims that the Square will increase in size are ridiculous considering it includes the buildings around the perimeter. The increase in flood immunity is barely measureable. The level of service at road intersections will be the same as it is now in less than 3 years. The whole project is farcical and a waste of taxpayer money.