

**Submission
No 311**

INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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As a resident of Wilberforce I have been commuting across Windsor bridge daily for over 15 years. I also consider Windsor - specifically the town center, Thompson square and surroundings - to be the heart of my local community.

I am making this submission to state my staunch opposition to the currently underway project. I do not support option 1. My family do not support option 1. My friends, colleges and community members from the area do not support option 1. My claimed opposition is more than anecdotal, more than 40,000 signatories to the petition do not support option 1, a remarkable level of interest in small infrastructure project in what is ordinarily a quiet and typically overlooked corner on the outer fringes of Sydney.

My reasons are the following (and shared broadly within the community)

- * The new bridge will not offer value for money by replacing an otherwise safe and functional 2 lane bridge with another 2 lane bridge (maybe 3 - but still ofcourse 1 lane in atleast 1 direction) that will not appreciably effect flood rating for well over \$100,000,000
- * The new bridge will destroy the usability of Thompson square which is both an extremley valuable historic landmark but also a highly valuable peice of green space and community space for the area,
- * The new bridge will not alleviate the unacceptable traffic issues the area faces (only a bypass will do this)
- * The construction of the new bridge will (and is currently) destroying valuable archeological artifacts in it's rushed pursuit to completion in the face of growing opposition.
- * The demolition of the original bridge will see the destruction of a beautiful historic landmark that underscores the character, history and charm of the area.
- * The growing levels of traffic, especially non-local heavy vehicles, is placing a mounting and unacceptable burden on a once beautiful vibrant and pedestrian, local and tourist friendly town center of Windsor. Only a bypass will fix this.
- * The elevated on ramps and concrete monstrosity leading to the new bridge will be a blight on the town center and I believe will adversely effect business in the area as well as local enjoyment.