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**INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
PROJECT**

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Below is a letter I wrote which was published in the Windsor Gazette this Wednesday 24th January 2018.

Those who have canvassed this project for years have asked me to send it to you.

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I cannot understand why our local state member for the Hawkesbury Dominic Perrottet does not respond to the demands of the majority of the local residents to change the plans for vehicles travelling through Thompson Square and the current Windsor bridge project. Many people believe it is completely obvious to cancel what is destroying some of our history and to start work on a four lane bridge down river by passing Windsor. Only necessary repairs should be made to the existing bridge to make it safer.

People only demonstrate as they did on 8th January as a last resort when all other avenues have failed to change current plans.

I strongly support our local federal member Susan Templeman in her efforts to achieve a change including her participation in the recent protest.

I also strongly support the comments of Hawkesbury architect and historian Graham Edds (Hawkesbury Gazette 12th January article entitled "brick drains Australia's first") where he says and I quote " the NSW Government and RMS should regard this barrel drain as far too significant to salvage and destroy and must stop workstop this Windsor Bridge Replacement Project".

I have lived and worked in the Hawkesbury since 1972 (21 years as CEO of the former Hawkesbury Agricultural College). I urgently and sincerely request our local State member , the NSW government and the RMS cancel the existing project and adapt the alternative by pass proposal.

Bypasses of towns on the Pacific Highway such as Macksville and Kempsey have proved effective in easing traffic problems. Why not the Windsor bypass?

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