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INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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

Glossodia, 28th of January 2018

Dear Director,

Re: Inquiry into the Windsor Bridge replacement project

I'm deeply concerned and outraged over the current NSW government's plan to replace the current historic Windsor Bridge with a concrete monster bridge. I have initially been open to examine the current plans, however I have found them to be severely wanting. My main concern is, that we will end up with a major through road open to heavy traffic running parallel and on the same height as historical Thompson Square. This will irrevocably degrade this park to a place with no recreational value, or who do you think will enjoy nonstop heavy traffic rattling past them, while trying to rest or have a conversation?

I urge you to come up with a long-term vision for Windsor, rather than a short term patch solution! What is really needed is a bypass of the town centre for heavy traffic, with a new bridge crossing the river. The current bridge should be renovated and reserved for the use by light traffic and pedestrians.

The recent discovery of historic artefacts like the smugglers tunnel and others is another case in point. These should be preserved for the interested public and become a magnet for tourists! They should not be destroyed by being filled in with concrete!

I use the Windsor bridge every day of my work days and Windsor is my local town. I hope you are going to treat it with the respect and wisdom it deserves, after all you have been elected to serve the people and not to destroy their living spaces!

Yours sincerely,

Gunther Wandtke