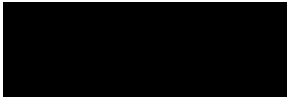


For the attention of Naomi Moss
Project Manager

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Thank you

Dear Naomi

I am writing to you as a concerned Road user of the Hawkesbury district, I have recently heard of a new plan to “ add” a pinch point to the Windsor Bridge replacement Project, in terms of a merge lane” on the bridge ITSELF” ?

I highlight this sentence because in the year 2010 in my initial conversations with the RMS and the proposal to replace a 2 lane bridge with a 2 lane bridge due to “safety “ concerns , with an extra set of traffic lights , I expressed my concern that the replacement was inadequate, never likely to help traffic issues and more likely to cause EXTRA issues and accidents . In my submission to the RMS I quoted statistics then of traffic movements and pedestrian movements, which showed that in 2010 pedestrian crossings in one afternoon in a school holiday period there were approximately 150 pedestrian movements on a [Saturday afternoon](#) within a 4 hour time frame, these were people accessing Blake’s Music School and the hotel accommodation , now since that time a dance school has opened and I’m not privy to the RMS’s latest data on pedestrian traffic, but data indicates vehicular traffic has increased in the area, and especially truck traffic. Recently(last week) at McGrath’s Hill a motorcyclist was killed at a pinch point merging with a truck, in our area on the lead up road to Windsor Bridge, what are the RMS’s own statistics on pinch points and given the RMS has a dept dedicated to the eradication and upgrading of pinch points in NSW why would the RMS design a pinch point into a two lane bridge which would render it closed if an accident at the merge lanes were to occur.

So as the dept of planning your job is to supervise and grant permission determine and oversee projects which help the greater good of the community and enhance solutions, this project was flawed, the parliamentary committee set up to analyse the project, the corruption inherent in the project and the manner in which it was pushed through regardless of all prior warnings to

proceed is important in your calculations for approval of this extra lane.

The parliamentary committee with members who are still contactable and in parliament today, recommended to keep the heritage bridge as a way to alleviate traffic congestion, the scenario we see before us in the latest RMS proposal asks for more area of the heritage listed Thompson's Square (300 sqm) to be desicrated , so traffic can merge ON THE BRIDGE , and create a pinch point in an area that if an accident were to happen would mean total closure of the infrastructure with long traffic delays.

I have little faith in the RMS to deliver a project that is a functional working option for the Hawkesbury community, this latest update is even more concerning, the RMS's reasoning for the latest project update is recent data, however the data used wasn't recently recorded but is from previous information the RMS was privy to prior to construction, unfortunately the horse has bolted, the project is underway, but as the final mechanism for checks and balances and PROPER planning ,

I implore you as a citizen of Australia to please take into consideration the recommendations of the parliamentary committee to retain the old bridge as part of the traffic solution and to not allow a pinch point on a two way bridge, whose purpose it was to allow ease of trucks passing each other as part of its criteria.

Who is responsible for bad planning? this is a project you can recommend for further scrutiny and better solutions, the RMS are not the final authority in this instance, your EXPERTISE for a better solution is needed for the people.

I also would like to point out 12 working days to allow for submissions is an unacceptable time frame for community feedback .

Thank you

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