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Submission regarding extra lane at Bridge Street.

I am opposed to the proposed plan for the following reasons:

- The date of the final traffic count is 6 days after the consultation period commences. This does not seem to be in line with due process.
- In the conclusions of the final report, there is no claim that there are /will be unexpected increases in traffic, therefore there is no justification for the current proposal on traffic grounds.
- The traffic volume has been largely consistent since 2017 through to 2019 (refer pg17)
- The travel times have actually decreased over that period and the queue length is unchanged. (refer pge 17)
- This plan is inconsistent with the original Conditions of Consent, which did not provide for further incursions into the Heritage Precinct of Thompson Square.
- The plan does not comply with Hawkesbury Council's Strategic Conservation Management Plan for the precinct as it is.
- The RMS has been repeatedly told by various traffic experts that the original plan was inadequate, yet their advice was both denied and ignored at the Parliamentary Inquiry yet the community is now expected to accommodate the poor planning by accepting even more of the Heritage Precinct be impacted due to the original inadequate plan.
- There are no options provided in the proposed plan, nor any costings.
- The intersection at Macquarie Street will remain problematic. The majority of traffic turns right into Macquarie Street with destinations to Blacktown, Penrith and the Blue Mountains. It is this intersection that should be re examined.
- The community have had to accept the hideous impact of the modern arterial road through the oldest town square in Australia and should not be asked to accept even more loss to that amenity for no great gain.

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