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**Application:** MOD1 Bridge Street traffic lane change to Windsor Bridge Replacement Project

**Application Number:** SSI-4951-Mod-1

**Declaration of political donations:** I have made no political donations in the past two years.

**I very strongly oppose the modifications to the Windsor Bridge Replacement Project.**

As the Dept of Planning are a government agency and the government are caretakers of our heritage, I beseech you to not approve this modification to the Windsor Bridge Replacement Project.

This project was approved, unfortunately, against all consultant advice, against the community, historians expert professionals. To now say the RMS were wrong in their predictions and so they need to destroy even more of this heritage area is very wrong. They were told right from the beginning. They knew before 2008 that this project would destroy significant heritage yet not be a traffic solution.

Over the past 11 years the RMS have stated again and again that the wider bridge with two lane approach roads was not feasible *"without impacting the heritage significant precinct."*

In 2012 the RMS said that a wider bridge *"would require a much larger footprint within Thompson Square to accommodate the bridge approach road."*

And in 2016 the RMS said a wider bridge would not happen in the future due to *"significant impacts on Thompson Square and surrounding heritage sites."*

It appears the RMS have finally now admitted their disastrous bridge is a failure, so are in damage control to quickly alter their design so they can save face.

Also the RMS traffic predictions are not making sense in their application. I am having trouble working out how they can state the traffic has increased when in fact going by their numbers it has decreased! As the "increased" traffic predictions were the reason the RMS have given for this modification, if the traffic hasn't actually increased, or not be predicted to increase as they have stated, then there is no justification for this destructive modification.

This failure on their behalf should NOT mean that Australia loses more of the unique national treasure that is the Thompson Square Conservation Area heritage precinct. Macquarie's State Significant listed 1814 brick barrel drain runs from the river, through the upper parkland, right to the top of the square. As you know, the bridge abutment sits right over the top of the drain. At one spot the new approach road will cut through the brick barrel drain. A heritage disaster. This should not be allowed to happen.

Every step of the way this project has been shown to be a disaster and this community should not be made to suffer for the incompetence and malfeasance of the RMS/Transport for NSW. The loss to the Thompson Square parkland is too great, especially taking into consideration what has already been lost and how the community have already suffered because of that loss.

I would like to take this opportunity to state firstly my utter disgust at this entire project and the rape of this heritage precinct, and lastly that this modification is the nail in the coffin for both the tourism potential for this area, and the heritage precinct that the Hawkesbury pioneer families, of which I am a seventh generation descendent, hold precious.

Regards, Jenny Lloyd