

Re Modification Bridge Street traffic lane Change Bridge street
Windsor Bridge Replacement NSW.

I do not support more removal of Thompson's Square as it has already been more than significantly damaged and altered.

1. I do not understand why there hasn't been a real and recent traffic study and that includes local roads such as Freemans Reach Road and RMS Macquarie Streets this also includes all other feeder Roads.

N.B. There is an exponential growth in traffic and mainly truck traffic which is occurring on Freemans Reach Road and Gorricks Lane Freemans Reach. Semi- Trailers at least 1 every 30 seconds heading North and many of which are then heading back Southerly. This occurs on average between approximately 6am-6pm daily with a few lulls of 1 per 2 mins. This does not include heavy traffic at other times of day, which has been a normal rat run for many years.

2. Traffic Growth rates are already beyond maximum capacity.

3. Much of the traffic movement is utilising local roads ie. doing rat runs and avoiding the other pinch point in the area ie. roads feeding to North Richmond Bridge.

4. I am not sure of your choice of direction of double lanes migrating onto and off Windsor Bridge. ie. Do people need to get to work faster or home faster, I would prefer to get home faster. Though it really doesn't matter much as to the direction, it is still trying to squeeze more than one can get through into a bottle neck. A REAL bypass of Windsor would have been the logical solution on many levels. (But here we have a solution of replacing a useable bridge with a useable? bridge. The number of lanes do not make a difference.

5. The close proximity of traffic lights between Macquarie and George Streets on Bridge St. begs belief. Macquarie Street is already a debacle. And then roundabouts, (freemans Reach Rd and Wilberforce Rd) well, not a safe option.

6. It would appear that Windsor will have a shiny, new Bridge that no one wanted and will not rectify traffic, it takes away from tourism, will not fix flood immunity and is butt ugly.

7. From what I can see is the RMS version of windsor Bridge replacement and surrounds is ugly, damaging to heritage and local income, is non essential in its place, encourages motorists to utilise local roads as rat runs ie. decreasing NSW govt. costs, therefore shifting road costs to local councils.

8. Community Consultation - Probably a phrase poorly understood. Who gets 2 weeks approx. to have a say?

*. Within your literature - it states to minimise impact on Heritage. Well that is laughable, your project has already negatively impacted on heritage. You have dug and buried some of not only the Hawkesbury's greatest history and assets, but state and National significant assets. You have also robbed the Hawkesbury of future income.

This whole proposal does not meet immediate, short term or indeed long term need for traffic mitigation. And I will say again will not meet flood immunity. Have a look at the Fitzroy Bridge (i guess one positive, it occasionally can harbour a dozen animals in flood and that is to a point.)

So no I do not Support your shortsightedness on this project. And I do not support more removal of heritage, curtilage or indeed Thompson Square Windsor.

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