

## Re: Windsor Bridge Replacement – EIS Submission

First and foremost, my family & I are FOR having a new bridge at the Thompsons Square site.

Having been at the Focus Group meetings since the beginning and regularly referred to the available websites regarding the Windsor Bridge Replacement, I feel **it is the right time & the right place for a new bridge for Windsor.**

However, if the lower version of Option 1 is to go ahead based upon original brief (bridge replacement) & budget restraints etc, I would like to see the **best aesthetic outcomes** for the new bridge and Thompson Square to make them a **feature** for Windsor, not just a new big concrete bridge with a modern 'look'. I would like to see Thompson Square become a wonderful public space to draw in both the local community & visitors alike.

I feel strongly that the following items **should** be included to ensure aesthetic integrity to the historic Square & township of Windsor:

1. **Old fashioned lighting across bridge above pedestrian walkway & also throughout Thompson Square;**
2. **Stone gables or sandstone flagging to cover bridge walls in the Thompson Square vicinity;**
3. **Old fashioned looking 'fence' for length of bridge & around Thompson Square for public safety near roads & old fashioned 'hand rails' for steps. These would greatly improve the aesthetic look of the bridge design & public space ensuring it to fit in with our local historic town.**
4. **Public facility improvements to Thompson Square should include:**
  - a. **Picnic tables & seating; &**
  - b. **Recreation areas.**

**I greatly urge these above items to be included in the final design for improved aesthetics, rather than a just having a new modern bridge in an historic square..... please.**

Please see on the following pages a number of images which are examples of the above options I'd like to see included.

### **WHAT I LIKE ABOUT THE PROPOSED VISUALS ON THE WEBSITE:**

I thought the pedestrian and aerial visualisations look great & I especially like (with the designs so far):

- How Thompson Square becomes ONE again! Yay!
- The traffic lights!! This is fantastic & essential pedestrian access in all directions! Yay!
- Pedestrian access across to Macquarie Park – finally!
- How the bridge 'starts' after/below the last house on Bridge St on the Eastern side;
- The steps down either side of the square & access steps near the Doctors House to the river/wharf area.

## LIGHTING

- 1) **OLD FASHIONED LIGHTING OPTIONS:** These would be located along the pedestrian walkway of the bridge & within the square. Ideally they'd have flag attachment options to promote events in Windsor (or Windsor itself).



## FLAGGING ON SIDE WALLS OF BRIDGE

- 2) **SANDSTONE FLAGGING ON WALLS:** used to **COVER UP** the concrete structure of the bridge in the Thompson Square vicinity (including on the wharf side & along the upright wall of the underpass). To use standard cut sandstone would look too modern (see image below these two), with the below two examples being more compliant with the historic nature of the area. Sandstone has been sourced from the Hawkesbury area since the early years of settlement & is used extensively throughout the Hawkesbury still today, hence is of historic significance to be included in this space.



ABOVE: NICE!!!!!!

Below: World Heritage Site Tasmania – new gable stone wall... looked great!



Another option would be the squared off flagging. It looks more modern than above, however would be better than concrete.





## FENCING

- 3) **OLD FASHIONED LOOKING FENCE & RAILS:** better look for our Historic town compared to modern railings. Obviously it would need to meet public safety requirements etc.

Old fashioned looking rails to be used entire length of bridge on **outer** pedestrian side rather than newer looking rails & 'fence'. I don't know the restrictions that an old style would be during flooding, but it would be better than the ultra modern look that is on the 'have your say' site – too new looking for the site – please reconsider.



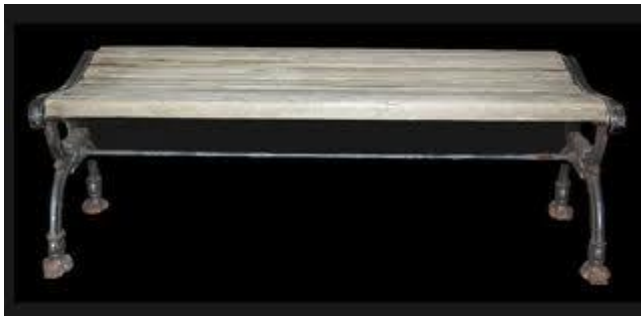
## THOMPSON SQUARE DESIGN IMPROVEMENTS

I would like to see the following included in the Thompson Square redesign:

### 4) PUBLIC SPACE IMPROVEMENTS:

#### a) Picnic tables & seating

- Picnic tables and seating (one is probably enough for space??) as well as additional uncovered picnic tables & seating scattered throughout Thompson Square based upon available space & final design.



#### 4) PUBLIC SPACE IMPROVEMENTS: b) Recreation & fun!

- a) A *small* amphitheatre with landscaped seating to be included in the lower part of Thompson Square overlooking the river – using the sloping lay of the land.





- b) A 'Hawkesbury River' pathway that would take pedestrians from the top of Thompson Square to the bottom in the same direction the river flows.
- The river 'map' could be incorporated into a 1m wide (or so) pedestrian pathway (ie stamped into the pathway or distinguished by a different coloured concrete to the path or something similar). The twists & turns of the river would stay within the boundary of the pathway.
  - The below is a map of the Hawkesbury river from the ocean to near Richmond (however the river could be extended to mouth of Hawkesbury River at the junction of the Grose River). **Picture the following:**
    - o The ocean on the bottom right hand side of the image below would be at the top of the square (near the Macquarie Arms corner)
    - o The McDonald River (river junction at the top middle of image) mapped out on a pathway connects to the pedestrian access onto the bridge
    - o The Colo River (top left river & junction) would continue down the steps beside the bridge,
    - o The bottom left river (the Hawkesbury) would go down to the amphitheatre (or grassed area at bottom of park); &
    - o The bottom river (South Creek) would go to the steps to the Doctors House exit.
  - Towns could be marked out along the 'river' path with small plaques with interesting historical information included on them about each historic point. **A fun idea to consider????**



- c) The existing Anchor statue could be given a bit more glory?
- d) Acknowledgement of the Darug people & their name for the Hawkesbury River: Deerubbin.
- e) Natural looking Softfall play area (not swings &/or high things), just an interesting adventure area low to the ground only. It wouldn't need to be large & could be in natural colours rather than bold colours & could be incorporated into the above 'River Path' idea somehow...

