

1/12/2012.

To *Mr. B. Happel*
Planning Minister

Sir,

This is my response after reading the EIS on the new Windsor Bridge, I have to say, as a born and bred long time resident/visitor & pioneer descendant of the Hawkesbury valley, I think your EIS is the biggest lot of rubbish I've ever seen written about a Hawkesbury project. WHO ever wrote this stuff has no idea of what goes on around Windsor. Most of the information in the EIS is past history which every one I know knew ages ago. The ONLY interesting section for me was the inspection of the pylons.

After studying the pictures, NONE of the cracks appeared to be new cracks in the pylons. I knew there was cracks in the pylons from years ago & though I'd never previously seen pictures of these cracks, it was very obvious to me they were not new cracks. The explanation/reason they were not new cracks came in the letter written to you by two of the most highly regarded Engineers, Pearson & Wedgwood ever known or heard of in their field of experience.

Quite unexpectedly while discussing this new Bridge fiasco with a close friend & her family recently, I discovered our friends husband was the "high official" in the old DMR and the RTA, years ago in charge & knew Mr Pearson well. He couldn't speak highly enough of the expertise & ability of this man or his exceptional credibility as an Engineer - so I am asking you WHY ARE YOU NOT LISTENING TO MR PEARSON & MR WEDGWOOD or even considering their ideas.

Long before Mr Pearson CAME TO US with the plan he was considering for the new bridge, I had already decided & planned that was where the new bridge should go. SAME place as the Pearson & Wedgwoods Plan.....

***the most appropriate place for it is.....across THE RIVER ON THE CORNER ABOVE THE CURRENT BRIDGE - where the roads go pre the bridge & after it crosses the river, is another matter which CAN be worked out.

Just 2 weeks ago I was coming back to Wollongong from Wilberforce at 9.15am on a Wednesday morning -----GUESS where I got caught in the trafficAT THE CORNER of Macquarie St., trying to turn right to go towards Penrith.

MANY times I have travelled the Wilberforce to Wollongong road at all hours of the day or night for 45 years. In peak periods NIGHT & MORNING, IF there was a problem it was always caused at Macquarie St., BUT YOU NEVER EVEN MENTION that corner as being a problem, in any written statement or in any picture projection. WHY NOT?

Your assumptions are ALL false as far as I am concerned about the new bridge being needed AGAIN in the same place.

NO ONE in the RMS or GOV. or HAWKESBURY COUNCIL seems to know what they are talking about.

Just who is driving this false information about the bridge need - is it the THREE LOCAL politicians, who are not much use to the area at the best of times.

So it's A VERY BIG PROBLEM for you.....

IT really CONCERNS me that someone in the Government or it's Planning Dept, or even maybe the RMS isn't telling the truth about the old bridge's repairability or the new bridge placement..

I ask you to re-investigate without delay the NEW POSITION we want it to be erected IN. To pull that old bridge down without further assessment of its fixability is criminal & MOST LIKELY far less costly TO REPAIR than anything you want to do at the river crossing. I was not originally an open supporter of CAWB, but I have now joined them & YOU should know this.....

We are NOW a NON political group who are so concerned about what your intending to do in Windsor.

We want only the best for old Windsor, so many many people throughout NSW ARE NOW

JOINING us to fight your decision. WE do not support your bridge plan.

Now I want to write about CSG before closing this.


LIKE ME you must know of the dreadful problems in the USA caused by CSG mining yet you continue to allow exploration within the Nepean/Hawkesbury river catchment area. With so many against it why do you continue to be so disrespectful of what we want to protect, OUR WATER - One mistake by one of these CSG companies in that catchment & your Government is finished in this State for years.

I have pages & pages of information about CSG in Texas which I'm going to post to Senator Bill Heffernan & probably Barnaby Joyce asap. These guys care about Australia, but NSW is specifically our worry - this CSG furore on top of the Windsor Bridge fiasco & I reckon your Government will be on a knife edge at the next election.

As far as I'm concerned now, I'm sitting on the fence, but if things go against what I believe believe should happen I will not vote for the NSW LIB's next time - I've said it previously & I'll say it AGAIN now - IF I GO, a lot of people will go with me. We care about NSW - it doesn't appear as though your Government cares about it's people & what they want.
Thank you.

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 Copies also given to Premier & Mr Gray
