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The Hon. Brad Hazzard
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RE: Submission on The Windsor Bridge Replacement Project

Dear Minister, *Brad,*

I am writing following representations from the community of Windsor regarding the development application for the Bridge Replacement Project in Windsor. The construction of the proposed road will require the destruction of the valuable heritage precinct, Thompson Square. Objections from the community are based in the heritage value of this historical site.

Concerns raised regarding the replacement of the Hawkesbury River Bridge include:

- The project will have a negative impact on heritage, business and visual amenity.
- The proposed road and traffic management projected in Option 1 will be close to capacity by 2026.
- No bypass has been considered

Alternatives to Option 1 which have less visual, physical and heritage impacts are viable; however the Roads and Maritime Services have chosen Option 1 due to financial benefits. Community organisations in the area disagree with this option.

The precinct is listed on the Register of the National Estate, the National Trust and on the NSW State Heritage Register as being of state heritage significance as a square. Thompson Square dates back to the 18th Century and is rare being representative of a Georgian public square of colonial times. Its uniqueness is that it is the oldest public square in Australia dating back to the 18th Century. Its significant historical design has been in existence for 217 years. Windsor square demonstrates the early colonial character of New South Wales.

Can you please take these factors into consideration for the interest of the community in preserving this unique historical site. Heritage bequeathed by previous generations should be safe guarded for future generations.

Kind regards,

David Shoebridge