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**INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
PROJECT**

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Dear Director

Re: b vii cost benefit analysis process.

The project is to replace the current bridge with new bridge in a nearby location.

It was once claimed by the RMS that the bridge needed to be replaced for structural problems but it seems that they have now abandoned that claim however it is generally agreed within the community that the current bridge is overworked particularly by heavy transport.

Given that the new Option1 bridge, be it 2 or 3 lanes will still suffer the the constraints of the current traffic bottlenecks approaches it is unlikely to improve traffic flow.

There would be a real cost benefit if the funds for Option1 were to be directed to building a bypass bridge for heavy and through traffic.

The current bridge could then be refurbished and a weight limit imposed to restrict it to light traffic.

This plan would result in two bridges in Windsor district, which would spread the traffic load and reduce congestion.

Windsor town centre and Thompson Square in particular would be much gentrified if the heavy transport was removed. This important Town Square with its heritage precincts would then become the passive recreational area that Governor L. Maquarie intended.