

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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I visit Windsor on a regular basis and wish to object to the proposed new bridge.

This is one of the special places left in Sydney where you can take a step back in time and feel like you are in the footsteps of the men and women who fed this country when it was on it's knees. The reminders of the past are everywhere around, in the buildings that surround the Square, the bridge which has stood firm in the face of a myriad of floods, and the river itself, such a challenge for the first 100 years of the settlement.

It would be a travesty to put an arterial road, with modern architecture, lighting, walkways and signage, through the heart of this special place. It doesn't need stairs and interpretation, it needs to be left alone so that people can feel what our ancestors felt when they stand here. it's a living museum with a character that can not be put on a display or package in a video or phone app. it is real and you can touch it, see it, smell it and feel it.

do not take that away from future generations. Leave the bridge and Thompson Square alone and build an additional crossing outside the town for through traffic.