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MM Letter in Hawkesbury Gazette Regarding Bypass Option for Windsor - (79351, 79353, 120428)

REPORT:

In view of the contents of a letter published in the Hawkesbury Gazette on 29 October 2014 (copy attached) regarding a Bypass option for Windsor I move the following motion.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. Notes the letter to the editor in the Hawkesbury Gazette on Wednesday, 29 October 2014 from Councillor Barry Calvert, Hawkesbury Labor candidate, Kate Mackaness, independent Hawkesbury candidate, Danielle Wheeler, Greens Hawkesbury candidate and others regarding a commitment from the Liberal Candidate for the state seat of Hawkesbury the Hon. D Perrottet MP that he would be able to find funds to build a new four lane, flood free bridge to bypass Windsor and to refurbish the existing bridge for local traffic.
2. Write to the Liberal Candidate, Mr D Perrottet and to the Premier, Mr M Baird MP and Roads Minister, Mr D Gay MP to seek assurances that the commitment will be fully funded.
3. Write to the Labor Candidate, Councillor Barry Calvert and to the Leader of the Opposition, Mr J Robertson MP and Shadow Roads Minister, Mr M Daley, to seek assurances that should Labor form Government following the state election in March 2015 that a Labor Government would fully fund a new four lane, flood free bypass bridge and refurbish the existing bridge for local traffic.
4. Request all parties to include a timeline for completion of these projects.



Councillor Kim Ford
Mayor

ATTACHMENTS:

AT - 1 "What you say... Premier, back up promise"; *Hawkesbury Gazette*, page 8, Wednesday, 29 October 2014

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What you say...

Premier, back up promise

ON SATURDAY, October 18, the Liberal candidate for Hawkesbury visited the CAWB tent in Thompson Square. This is a strong indication of the importance of this issue at the next state election. We hope it also signals a significant shift in the government's attitude towards the infrastructure requirements of the Hawkesbury, particularly given the candidate indicated that funding could be found to build a bypass for Windsor.

It is disappointing the Hawkesbury has to wait for a state election to get essential infrastructure onto the government's agenda.

It is not clear whether funding for a bypass would be in addition to the \$65 million the government plans to waste building a two-lane bridge (one lane in each direction) that will permanently leave the oldest public square in Australia on the inter-urban freight haulage route.

If so, we suggest a much simpler and less expensive solution: scrap the current destructive plan and direct all funding to a proper 21st century, four-lane bypass, and renovate historic Windsor Bridge for local access. We would then have six lanes crossing the river at Windsor.

We call upon the premier to immediately confirm his candidate's comments and announce full funding for commencement of work to deliver a new bridge across the Hawkesbury River on a flood-free bypass, and the renovation of the current, functional Windsor Bridge.

We also remind the premier that the river crossing at North Richmond is a site of greater congestion and must be part of an urgent strategic transport plan for this rapidly developing region.

Barry Calvert, Hawkesbury Labor candidate; **Kate Mackaness**, independent Hawkesbury candidate; **Danielle Wheeler**, Greens Hawkesbury candidate; **Fiona Smith**, Kurrajong Community Forum; **Dail Miller**, CAWB; **Beatriz Insausti**, NRDCAA

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