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To: TPC Enquiry
Subject: Re: New Bridgwater Bridge Major Project

To whom it may concern

Alas, this is a late submission because I sent it to the wrong address. It was submitted on the 17th, but I was on holiday at the time and beyond normal e-mail range.

SOUND BARRIERS

I see nothing on this plan which indicates the level of the highway and the bridge in relation to my property in Hayton Place. The plans mention that the sound barrier will be trees to be planted during or after construction. These will take some time to grow to develop any barrier at all. They are also only to be maintained for 3 years after construction, after which we do not know who will be responsible for looking after these trees. I do not want a noisy road intruding on my enjoyment of my home. I feel strongly that there needs to be a more permanent sound barrier in place.

EXISTING BRIDGE

On one part of the plans it states that the existing bridge is to be demolished. In other parts it suggests that the bridge is to be relocated to a nearby park. This needs clarification. It also needs to be clarified which parts of the bridge are to be retained at the current site. My personal preference is to retain the existing bridge, without the moving section. I do not think that the vertical lift towers interfere with the plans or any shipping access and should be retained on site. I cannot see any section of the bridge working at any nearby park without safety and vandalism concerns. My original suggestion during the planning stage was to relocate the bridge further up the river so it became another crossing obviously without the existing elevation function being used.

RAIL ACCESS

It seems ridiculous that there is no suburban rail in the extended Hobart area when the infrastructure already exists. It also seems ridiculous that there is no option to freight by rail from and to inner Hobart. Rail freight in particular takes the burden off already overstressed highways and I am certain that in a number of years a more clear sighted government will realise that this is an important option for this state. I suspect that if the bridge is built without a rail component then a separate rail bridge will need to be constructed further down the track.

BOAT RAMP

The plans state that the current boat ramp will be out of action for a number of years and that no alternative is being offered. This is totally unacceptable. I personally know a number of fisher people and canoeists who use this ramp on a regular basis. It would make good sense to put in another ramp when removing this one at the park just down the river.

Thank you for the opportunity to raise my concerns regarding this major project of Bridgewater Bridge.

Kind regards,

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