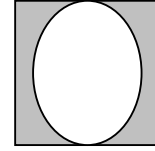


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Re: Long Gully Bridge (The Suspension Bridge)
Options Analysis Anti-Suicide Fence

Dear Martin,

I am not sure if you would regard yesterday's meeting as successful from the point of view of the RTA. However, I am sure that in the long term the RTA will be glad they have listened to the voices of the local communities.

At yesterday's meeting the bridge was described as an iconic structure. Changing the aesthetic values of an iconic structure deserves much more careful and sympathetic consideration than the options for a safety barrier exhibited by the RTA to date.

As evidenced at yesterday's meeting, there are a lot of residents on either side of the bridge who are very passionate about protecting this historically significant structure. I hope the decision-makers in the RTA are sympathetic to the concerns of the people in the local communities and, as was suggested yesterday, are prepared to consider more innovative designs provided through a design contest. There is a lot of expertise in both municipal areas that could provide more appropriate ideas in the provision of a safety barrier that has some visual acceptability.

There are many thousands of people who enjoy the sight of this bridge daily, either walking or driving across it; there are many who just enjoy looking at it or showing it off to visitors who come from other parts of Sydney or even from across the world.

This bridge needs to be preserved for the generations to come. Future generations will not admire the bridge if it is scarred by any of the options so far put forward by the RTA.

North Sydney and Willoughby communities will certainly not accept ill-considered disfigurement of a beloved landmark.

I eagerly await the minutes of yesterday's meeting and the RTA's conclusions.

Yours sincerely

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