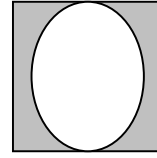


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Re: Long Gully Bridge (The Northbridge Suspension Bridge)  
Options Analysis Anti-Suicide Fence  
Draft June 2009 Commerce Report No: 08112

Dear Mr. Gormley,

I would like to comment on the above report and on the subsequent closed discussion group meeting held at the Willoughby Council-Administration Building on June 18<sup>th</sup> 2009.

Thank you for the comprehensive options analysis report for comments to be made directly to you, for your information.

I was surprised to see that so much work has gone into the Options-Analysis Report 08112 without any public consultation prior to the report? I know from bitter experience that once something has been designed and detailed as it has in the case in the Options Analysis Anti-Suicide Fencing Report 08112, the RTA is only going through a process of supposed public consultation.

I was horrified to see that after such an extensive report, only options 1, 2 & 3 were submitted for discussion. I believe, not one of the three options submitted for discussion covers:

- Minimizing the impact on the Heritage character of the bridge
- Minimizing the visual/urban design impacts on the bridge
- The true long term implication of any of the proposed fences

In my opinion:

- All three options are very ugly and do not suit the bridge structure
- No consideration has been given to the general public's reaction to any of the three options should they be implemented

However I do think the options cover:

- Budget
- RTA's ongoing maintenance issues
- The structure being constructed by late 2009
- Suicide prevention

From my understanding the RTA has the bridge listed as a bridge of heritage significance only. I assure you the bridge will never be a heritage listed structure in the long term if any of the three favoured options are implemented.

In conclusion, would the RTA please think more laterally and outside the square. I think the bridge is worthy of a more innovated design especially as we are in the twenty first century, where architects and engineers can design anything depending on a realistic budget

I implore you to give further consideration to other options other than the options as detailed in your Options Analysis Report and favored by the RTA at present and open it for public discussion.

Yours Sincerely

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