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**NEW NORFOLK BRIDGE ACT AMENDMENT  
BILL.**

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Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, September 30, 1869; and ordered  
by the House to be printed.



*The Honorable the Speaker and the Members of the House of Assembly.*

We the undersigned residents of the District of New Norfolk desire most respectfully to approach and inform your Honorable House,

That on the 5th day of September, 1839, the then Legislature of the Colony passed an Act, intituled "An Act for making, erecting, and maintaining a Bridge across the River Derwent, in the Township of New Norfolk, in the County of Buckingham," empowering a Company to erect a Bridge, to levy tolls, and retain possession of the said Bridge until the principal moneys, with interest thereon at the rate of Fifteen per centum per annum, and all expenses, costs, and charges incurred or sustained, shall be paid off and discharged.

That on the 21st day of September, 1840, the said Legislature passed an amendment of the above-recited Act, and amongst other things enacted that the said Bridge should be thrown open to the public at the expiration of thirty years from the 5th day of September, 1842, notwithstanding that the said principal moneys and interest, expenses, costs, and charges, or any of them, shall not be then paid off or discharged.

That your Petitioners have learned with extreme surprise that a further amendment of the said Act has been introduced to your Honorable House having for its object the retention by the Company of the said Bridge for a further period of thirty years.

That the Tolls of the said Bridge have long been felt to be a most grievous tax, tending to fetter the agricultural and commercial interests, as well as the general traffic, of the District.

That the said Company are not entitled at the hands of the Legislature to further favour, they not having complied with the provisions of the first-recited Act.

We, therefore, most earnestly pray that your Honourable House will refuse to allow the proposed amendment to become law.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

[Here follow 341 Signatures.]