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Your Submission:

I want the CCC to consider renovation of the Bridge of Remembrance in Cashel St.

Specifically I think the walk way tiles need to be replaced, the lighting replaced to enhance the original style of the Bridge and the western end to be completely demolished and replaced with a new gateway to match and enhance the original stonework.

This work needs to be done for 3 reasons:

1. Repairs are needed. At some point in the past, perhaps when the Cashel Mall was first made a pedestrian zone, the Bridge had renovations done in dark brown tiles which were totally at odds with the style of the original stonework. Most of these tiles are now very shabby. Some of the footpath tiles are loose or cracked.

2. The Bridge deserves to be improved. The footpath tiles and the tiling on both sides and the western end of the Bridge are an affront to the original design of the Bridge. As are the lamps. It is a mystery how any previous CCC could have accepted this design and the brown tiles and tacky lamps as a renovation to the Bridge. As a resident of Cashel St living near the Bridge I observe visitors from New Zealand and overseas admiring and photographing the Bridge every day. I guess it is one of the city's most photographed monuments and therefore worthy of funds being spent on it to bring the whole structure up to its original standard.

3. The Bridge is a monument to important historical events, viz. wars in which brave citizens of Christchurch fought and many of whom lost their

lives. I hear tourists remark about the many different locations in which NZ service people fought. The Bridge does not glorify wars; it is a sombre and stately monument to the human cost of tyranny. As we approach the one hundredth anniversary of the start (and end) of the First World War in 2014 and 2018 I believe it would be fitting to renovate the western end of the bridge and to erect a new memorial gateway in a style sympathetic to the old