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MP states categorically- No bridge across Skálafjord

The issue of constructing a bridge across Skálafjord, as part of the intended subsea tunnel project between the main central area of Tórshavn and Eysturoy, has been much debated in the public domain lately. The issue was also mentioned in Parliament the other day as the political debate of the national budget for 2014 got underway. The MP for one of the smaller political coalition parties, the Centre Right Party, Mr Bill Justinussen, made it quite clear that his party would not support constructing a bridge across Skálafjord, as part of a tunnel project: -There will be absolutely no supportive votes from our party for a bridge solution, said Mr Justinussen in response to a question from another MP. The whole controversial subsea tunnel project took a rather sudden directional change, when it emerged that the Public Works office recommended constructing a bridge across Skálafjord, as part of an overall solution. This was estimated to reduce the cost by D.kr 200 million and there were also other advantages for the end-user, e.g. the public. This recommendation truly fuelled an already tinderbox situation and MPs from Eysturoy and other local politicians adamantly and fiercely refuted a bridge solution, stating that this would prevent developments in the area, particularly if a future oil industry were to emerge, as a bridge would deny oil rigs access to the fjord. The largest municipality in the fjord has already future plans for the fjord and has reserved a large area for an oil industry supply base. In these plans the shipyard at the village of Skála figures quite prominently as a repair centre for drilling platforms and also for decommissioning purposes. A bridge spanning the entrance to the fjord would definitely scupper all such plans. A virtual picture of the proposed bridge location.