

INQUIRY INTO CROSS CITY TUNNEL

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To Whom it May Concern

I wish to make a submission to the NSW Parliament's Lane Cove Tunnel Inquiry, which I understand is an extension of the Cross City Tunnel Inquiry.

I strongly SUPPORT the 7.5km long cycleway from Naremburn to North Ryde, as required in the contract with Thiess John Holland.

There has been a lot of media comment about congestion similar to the Cross City Tunnel when the Lane Cove tunnel is opened. Even when the CCT was free, only 40,000 vehicles used the tunnel, compared to an expected volume of 94,000 vehicles paying the toll, clearly demonstrating that motorists wanted to go into the city, not bypass it.

By contrast, the LCT will directly link the M2 and the city via the Gore Hill Freeway and the Sydney Harbour Bridge, so the media comparisons and hype are inappropriate. Further, there will be a 60% increase in capacity along the corridor through Lane Cove. Any congestion is likely to be due to even more vehicles trying to cross the harbour, not the lack of capacity through Lane Cove.

Accordingly, I urge the Government not to capitulate to the media hype, and resist modifying the Lane Cove section of the corridor involving the provision of the cycleway. Please ensure that the cycleway is retained. As a professional town planner, I am aware that the cycleway is a crucial link for cyclists, and will provide significant benefits to both cyclists and the wider community including social, economic and environmental benefits.

Yours sincerley

Jonathon Carle