

INQUIRY INTO CROSS CITY TUNNEL

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would also like to express my strong endorsement for the proposed 7.5km long cycleway from Naremburn to North Ryde.

At present the roads in Crows Nest and Lane Cove, especially main thoroughfares like Epping Rd, Pacific Highway & River Rd, are extremely dangerous to ride bikes on, with the result that exceptionally few local people are brave enough to ride bikes - because the roads to date have been the only "bike trails". Hence local traffic and associated parking problems have worsened.

With the new RTA funded cycleway the Lane Cove section along Epping Rd / Longueville Road is particularly welcomed by most families in Lane Cove and the silent majority of residents, as a step in the right direction to improve local conditions. It will enable residents in Lane Cove West to safely access the Lane Cove Plaza area by bike, without fear of being killed by motorists.

If school children can be encouraged to ride to school, by having safe off-road bike tracks, this not only relieves traffic congestion & associated parking problems, but also increases health & general wellbeing, with potentially far less obesity.

I also support the proposal for a shared off-road pathway from the Lane Cove Plaza to Greenwich Ferry, linking up with Wollstonecraft Station. When this is achieved cyclists using the cycleway along Epping Rd / Longueville Road will further benefit, as will local Greenwich residents, who will be able to ride a bike off-road all the way to MacQuarie University.

I would like to congratulate the RTA and State Government on the bike path. Bring it on! Make it happen! The sooner the better for all concerned!!!

Yours faithfully,

Paul Gibbs