

## **INQUIRY INTO CROSS CITY TUNNEL**

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Theme:

Summary

## Achieving Better Community Outcomes with Bicycle Infrastructure

Bicycle NSW submission of evidence to the hearings of the Joint Select Committee of inquiry on the Cross City Tunnel and Lane Cove Tunnel.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission to the inquiry.

### Terms of Reference

These focus on the role of the RTA reflecting the breadth and importance of the role of the Roads Portfolio in the Community.

- Community Relationships
- Public Private Partnerships
- Liaison with other Government Agencies , Federal, State or Local Government
- Maintaining Accountability to and for the Government and Ministers of the day

### Bicycle NSW Relationship with the RTA

**Customer Service** – Individual and Organisational level

**Working Partner** - Dialogue partners working towards shared outcomes in respect of Bicycle infrastructure delivery, accessibility and safety.

**First Hand Knowledge** – many RTA and other Agency employees are members and supporters of Bicycle NSW

**Supplier Relationship** – RTA Sponsorship of Bicycle NSW Events

### Outcomes

Bicycle NSW believes that cycling can make a significant contribution towards improving outcomes across the community, and we further believe that everyone in government and the community shares our desire for these outcomes. Details are in our submissions, but in summary the outcomes are:

- **Less Traffic Congestion**
- **Healthier Community**
- **Healthier Environment**
- **Stronger Communities**

Solid policy support from government, but the on the ground delivery of policy is falling short of the standards expressed in the government's policy documents.

## **Recommendations**

### **Procedure**

- Maintaining community contact
- Independent review

### **Leadership**

- From Premier and Ministers reflecting the Whole of Government
- Supporting Ministers and the Parliament in calling the bureaucracies to account, and supporting the same government agencies in understanding and delivering the needs of the community.

#### **Recommendation 1 Procedure - Independent review**

Use of suitably qualified independent subject matter experts to provide guidance to the development process.

#### **Recommendation 2 Procedure - Project Integration and Milestones**

Requirement for external review at clearly defined milestones. Includes a focus on detailed approval of delivery in the context of wider project integration with broader infrastructure and policy objectives.

#### **Recommendation 3 Leadership - Direct contact with the community**

A greater level of direct contact between community based organisations and relevant government Ministers and the Premier.

#### **Recommendation 4 Leadership - Independent Quality Audits**

Provide Government Ministers and Premier with independent assessment of project performance against policy.