

INQUIRY INTO CROSS CITY TUNNEL

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Summary

From:
To: <crosscitytunnel@parliament.nsw.gov.au>
Date: Thu, May 25, 2006 4:24 pm
Subject: Please Support the Lane Cove Tunnel Bike Path

Dear Sirs,

I am aware that you will soon be making some important determinations about bicycling paths on Epping Road to coincide with the opening of the Lane Cove Tunnel.

As a resident of Lane Cove (10 years) and as a recreational bicyclist, I urge you not to shelve plans for providing an alternative path for bicyclists along Epping Road. With the vast take-up in bicycling (more bicycles were sold than cars two years running) and the parallel issues of increased vehicle use and fuel prices it is essential that safe passages away from traffic are maintained.

I know of many people who would love to bike for recreation or commuting but just say that the "roads aren't safe". They're not for the average cyclist as cars are often negotiating tight lanes and lose patience with what they perceive as obstacles in their way. Managing issues to do with driveways are present whether bikes are on the road or on a path - caution is needed in either case.

I understand the consultation process has been a long one and invariably well meaning people can see issues with anything, but any bike path would certainly be safer than none along such busy roadways that link residential and office centres.

Please provide the community with alternatives to dangerous roadways for bicyclists.

Thank you,
Omar Khalifa

Lane Cove

Omar and Barbara Khalifa