

31 January 2008



Ms Monica Barone
Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Ms Barone *Monica*

RE: PROPOSAL TO LINK HARRINGTON AND GLOUCESTER STREETS TO THE CAHILL EXPRESSWAY

During the last 18 months, Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority has been discussing with Alan Cadogan, City of Sydney, various proposals contained in the City Bike Plan which relate to access through The Rocks. In particular, the plan identifies the link from the Sydney Harbour Bridge onto the Cahill Expressway as a key connection for both pedestrians and cyclists to access the eastern parts of the city.

The Authority has a community service obligation to improve access through its precincts for pedestrians, the elderly and those with a disability. A recent access audit identified the steep grade between Harrington and Cumberland streets as a significant barrier for pedestrian movement between Circular Quay, the western parts of The Rocks and the Harbour Bridge.

The Authority believes there may be an opportunity to combine its community obligations with the City's bike plan to deliver improved access for all users, including tenants, tourists, cyclists and those with a disability. The Authority is proposing a lift to connect Harrington Street with the Cahill Expressway and stairs to link with Gloucester Street. The project also involves a ramp from Gloucester Street onto the Cahill Expressway for the use of both cyclists and pedestrians.

The RTA and Railcorp, as adjoining landowners, support the proposal. The Authority has also recently received development approval for the project, which is planned to be constructed in 2008/2009. A photomontage and plan of the proposal is attached for your information.

As this project will deliver an important component of the City Bike Plan, I am writing to request that the City of Sydney consider assisting in its construction. I also believe the project will provide environmental outcomes for both organisations and improve pedestrian movement around the city.

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to the Cahill Expressway
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I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss the proposal and Council's possible involvement through funding or other contributions, and will contact your office in the coming weeks to arrange a convenient meeting time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Lang', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr Robert Lang
Chief Executive Officer

