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Subject: Alison Road Crossings

Dear Karen,

Thank you for the work your department is doing to improve access to our beautiful city by means other than private cars. With regards to the Sydney Light 's crossing of Alison Road I would like to join others asking for bike crossings on both Eastern and Western approaches.

My family and I live in the Sutherland Shire but use the Eastern access regularly. Centennial Park is a regular meeting site with other cycling friends especially when we go for a day in the city as a group. As others have pointed out Alison Road is a barrier to safe cycling and we would ask you take the opportunity to ride around this area yourselves to envisage the impact of the Light's development. I would be happy to arrange for a guided tour with a very experienced Eastern Sydney commuting cyclist if you were interested.

Recently I participated in a Cycling Australia initiative to encourage women to ride bicycles called SheRides. It was conducted in Centennial Park and will continue to be run regularly, at least as far as we know. One of our routes ran from Centennial Park to the CBD, another from the Park to Clovelly Beach, another to Redfern. Please consider in your plans the value of maintaining access to Centennial Park as an important site for the safe training of novice riders. We have lost so many cyclists recently in motor vehicle incidents that any efforts you take towards insightful planning in this matter will be appreciated.

By smoothing out commutes with well designed crossings and making easier the transversing of roads like Alison Road you are fostering the connection between Sydney Light and active transport. I have no doubt that members of your department are as committed to this outcome as those of us who practice it in the Alison Road area. It would be a shame to facilitate long needed non car options to this area with the Light only to interrupt cycling with the same purpose.

Regards  
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