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Lane Cove Road Ramp Project
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(by email)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you in regards to the Lane Cove Road Ramp Project on behalf of our members who have raised concerns about the project, particularly the representation of, and provision for, cyclists within the project.

Bike North, a well noted local community group who you have dealt with on many occasions in the past, should have been consulted during the Environmental Assessment. In not contacting us, I believe that you have fallen short of fulfilling the Director General's Environmental Assessment Requirements. I request that this be corrected and that you strive to engage a dialog with Bike North during this project. You may contact myself or Doug Stewart, lead officer of our M2 Upgrade Project group who are still active on that topic.

We believe that there needs to be modifications to your design to cater for cyclists. A brief summary of what we suggest so far is included below.

Firstly, a bicycle lane should be provided for along the slip lane on Lane Cove Road. This will allow for providing a safer cycling route southbound along Lane Cove Road connecting up to the existing cycle lane starting immediately south of the slip lane.

Secondly, cyclist access should be included across the ramp lane from the breakdown/cycle lane on the eastbound carriageway of the M2. This would be a crossing point of the ramp lane to be used by cyclists once the M2 upgrade project has been completed. Considering that the ramp lane will be a non-merge lane, extra attention and warnings should be provided so motorists are aware of cyclists at this point e.g. vibralline or similar.

Lastly, we highly recommend the use of grade separation for cyclist access under the ramp. I believe this could be done with minor impacts to the budget of your project as major earthworks already need to be undertaken.

I request a consultation forum, in person, on the Lane Cove Road Ramp Project. At the same time you will be able to give Bike North, and potentially other cycling community groups, an update of the whole M2 Upgrade Project and schedule of reinstatement of the breakdown lane. Please let me know a convenient time for this consultation to take place.

Sincerely

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