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To Whom It May Concern,

**Re: Cycling connections and the Sydney Gateway project**

I’m writing to provide feedback on this project.  I’d like to thank you for revising the project and finding an alternative to removing access to the Alexandra Canal shared path.

The Sydney gateway project  is supposed to make travel easier, faster and safer as the population and travel to and from the airport increases.  It will miss the chance to deliver this if it doesn’t connect up walking and cycling paths to provide a real alternative to more road and public transport congestion.

The [Future Transport Plan 2056](https://future.transport.nsw.gov.au/) relies on us walking and cycling for journeys under 5km.

This development provides for more motor vehicle and freight traffic, but it has the opportunity to offer safe active transport alternatives by providing:

1.     A active travel connection between the new M5 St Peters interchange and the Alexandra Canal shared path

2.     A safe active travel crossing of the Cooks River from the South towards the CBD – either via reallocating space on the Giovanni Brunetti Bridge to walking and cycling, or by constructing an alternative to connect to cycleways and paths in the south and east

3.     Direct connections between the T1, T2 and T3 airport terminals, the Alexandra Canal shared path and the Bayside Council active transport network

4.     Direct active transport connections between Coward St and Sydenham Station

5.     The development and maintenance of safe active transport connections during construction

These connections would help local people, and those who need to transit through this area, to travel using active transport.  They would also help [almost 40,000 staff who live in neighbouring suburbs](https://assets.ctfassets.net/v228i5y5k0x4/7gQkThyOPKmwAycmQIOmOc/37f1710697644fe2fd8c1ca6790ad7dc/2017_Sydney_Airport_Annual_Report.pd) to use active transport to get to work. That would reduce the pressure on parking and public transport, and these connections could enable domestic passengers to travel to the airport by bike.

Thank you for helping make bike riding better.