

Bicycle NSW Submission

to the

NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure

in response to

Exhibition of Tallawarra Lands Plan

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INTRODUCTION

Overview

Bicycle NSW has reviewed the Tallawarra Lands Plans to provide feedback to help ensure that adequate provisions have been made to accommodate and encourage the use of bicycles for a variety of purposes.

Definitions

- **The Plan** will refer to the Tallawarra Lands Plans.
- **The Department** will refer to the Department of Planning & Infrastructure.

About Bicycle NSW

Bicycle NSW is a member-based association with over 30,000 members and supporters.

We engage with government, business and the community to promote, advocate for, and support cycling in all its forms as a sustainable and healthy form of transport, recreation and tourism. We are committed to supporting our Members and our Affiliated Bicycle User Groups (BUGs) throughout NSW.

Our core mission is to create **a better environment for cycling in NSW**.

Background

City of Wollongong - Bicycle Plan

The current City of Wollongong City Bicycle Plan includes the following diagram indicating the strategic plan to provide a bicycle path along the edge of Lake Illawarra in Yallah. This plan requires the crossing of at least two water channels at Yallah Bay Rd and Duck Creek (a wider crossing).



Tallawarra Lands Environmental Assessment Extracts

Cycleways / Walkways

Cycleways and /or sharedways within the road reservation of local streets and collector roads would be warranted as a consequence of future development at Tallawarra. However, there would be very little demand for dedicated regional facilities such as the strategic north-south sharedway identified in Wollongong Council's Bicycle Plan. If such a facility were to be provided as works-in-kind, a substantial offset of the associated costs would be warranted against other potential monetary liabilities.

Cycle track

A facility is not required in its own right based on the future residential population however, there is likely to be some demand and either a facility could be provided as a material public benefit or an apportioned monetary contribution to facilities external to the site could be provided. Any monetary requirement could be offset by other works of MPB to be provided within the site or any on-site facility could be used to offset other monetary liabilities.

COMMENTS

The Tallawarra Lands Plan does not meet the goals of the City of Wollongong Bicycle Plan which was to include a North-South connection along the banks of Lake Illawarra from Haywards Bay and stretching North towards Koonawarra.

The Landscape Masterplan (drawing LSK 06539 - 001 Rev 8 dated March 2009) shows an "indicative recreational trail", however, the map does not include any "cycle track" as suggested in the legend.

Bicycle NSW stresses the importance of working closely with the City of Wollongong Council and providing the bicycle network connections specified in the strategic Bicycle Plan. The exclusion of this facility during the masterplanning of the area ensures that retrofitting the facility will be costly and perhaps unachievable in the future.

Bicycle NSW supports the alignment of the path indicated in the City of Wollongong Bicycle Plan which provides an excellent trade-off between efficiency of the route and the inclusion of a pleasant waterfront ride. This alignment suits both recreational riders looking for a pleasant ride and commuter or utility cyclists looking for directness and efficiency.