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Mulgoa Road, Jamisontown - Upgrade

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Mulgoa Road, Jamisontown – Upgrade. Bicycle NSW has been the peak bicycle advocacy group now in NSW for over forty years, and has over 30 affiliated local Bicycle User Groups.

In looking at Active Transport (ie walking and cycling) it is worthwhile considering some facts from RMS and TfNSW publications:

- About 70% of people in NSW either ride regularly or would like to ride more, and say they would if bike riding was made safer for them.
- The NSW Government has an aim of reducing cycling fatalities and injuries by at least 30% by 2021. Cycling infrastructure is a proven method of reducing cycling fatalities and injuries.
- The NSW Government also had an objective of **doubling** the mode share of active transport to 5%.
- A primary method of achieving this aim is to consider cycling safety in **every infrastructure project**. This strategy is included in the RMS's own Bicycle Guidelines policy (p5).

*“To improve the bike network by making comprehensive provision for bicycles on **all new major road infrastructure projects with a strong preference for off-road cycling.**”*

The proposed Mulgoa Road Upgrade provides an opportunity to include high quality Active Transport infrastructure in this area – both now and well into the future.

To achieve this, the upgrade requires:

- Shared Paths either side of Mulgoa Road – not just on one side. The future must be considered now.
- Where the Shared Path crosses a side road, facilities for bicycles to cross legally and with protection must be provided. At signalised crossings, a bicycle lantern must be provided. At unsignalised crossings, a Stop Sign for motorised traffic must be installed and priority and protection given to Active Transport.