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Randwick City Council
30 Francis St
Randwick NSW 2031

Attention: General Manager

Walking & Cycling Improvements – South Coogee to Kingsford

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Walking and Cycling Improvements from South Coogee to Kingsford. 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, including the very active BIKEast group.

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.
- There has been a 50% increase in riding to work in metropolitan Sydney since 2006. This would be indicative across the State.
- Bicycle sales exceeded 1.4 million in 2012-13 and have outstripped car sales for over a decade. This trend continues.
- 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.

These proposed Walking and Cycling Improvements provide a good opportunity to include high quality, connected Active Transport infrastructure in this area which is undergoing rapid change. Randwick City Council is to be commended on the proposal.

We wish to **strongly support** the detailed submission made by BIKEast. We wish to stress the importance of providing connectivity of AT infrastructure. These upgrades should look at enhancing connectivity and safety.

In particular, the following points made by BIKEast need to be addressed:

- At the Kingsford Light Rail (LR) terminus, there must be easy interchange as people move to/from riding bikes onto the Light Rail.
- There are a number of critical intersections along the route which require careful thought to enhance connectivity and safety. In particular at Anzac Pde/Sturt St, bicycle lanterns must be provided, and reasonably short wait times.

- At Light Rail stops there must be abundant facilities for bike parking. These can be a mix of racks and cages.
- There are a number of schools close to the route, and we strongly encourage Randwick City Council to provide improved linkages to the South Coogee to Kingsford AT route. Engaging with the schools on bicycle safety education would be advantageous to all.
- At Bundock St we support Option B and Option D. These options retain more trees, but at the expense of some parking. However, we note that many of the vehicles parked in this area are long term trailers, boats, and advertising. In reality, this is appropriation of valuable public space for private use. We also recommend that Randwick City Council explore further suitable options for tree planting so as to improve the long term streetscape.
- We support the proposed changes to the Avoca Street intersection as it will improve safety for pedestrians and bike riders.
- Improved connections should be provided at Bundock St to the Malabar Road.

Yours faithfully,



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