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Dear …

**Re: Sydney Harbour Bridge Northern Ramp**

I am writing to you as my representative in …… ward, North Sydney.

As someone who rides a bike, and who wants to see less traffic and congestion in North Sydney, I was disappointed to learn of the [delay](https://www.smh.com.au/politics/nsw/cyclists-face-long-wait-before-harbour-bridge-obstacle-is-overcome-20180321-p4z5fk.html)[[1]](#endnote-1) in delivering a ramp for the northern end of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

At present, over 2000 people use the Sydney Harbour Bridge cycleway each week day, but the current steps make it difficult for many riders to access the cycleway including children, parents with child passengers and the elderly.

I support bike riding in North Sydney as a safe, clean, quiet and environmentally friendly alternative to congested roads and public transport.  I supported the [preferred option proposed last year](https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/sydney-inner/sydney-harbour-bridge/access-projects/cyclist-access/cycleway-access-proposals.html)[[2]](#endnote-2) for the northern end of the bridge for an off-set cycleway that would enable the steps to be retained.  This limits the visual and heritage impact on the Bridge and makes it accessible for all bike riders.

This option would also have meant the people who currently ride and use the steps could continue doing so whilst the ramp is built, rather than those 2000 people adding to congestion in public transport and cars for many months during construction.

I was disheartened to read in [Across the Bridge](https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/projects/sydney-inner/sydney-harbour-bridge/shb-across-the-bridge-community-update-december-2018.pdf)[[3]](#endnote-3) that the NSW Government is now considering “…lifts and travelators...”.  Building a ramp is a one-off expense, with minimal future maintenance costs.  Lifts and travelators require ongoing, expensive maintenance and break down frequently.  This is not a good value solution, and I doubt there is space for enough lifts to meet the needs of Sydney’s expanding commuter population.

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[I would like to make an appointment to meet with you and a member of Roads and Maritime Services staff to discuss the new proposed options for this ramp. The member of RMS staff is able to display these options and explain them for us at a meeting when we set a suitable date, but I do not have access to them myself. I can meet on …. Are these dates and times suitable?]

[I am seeking your support for a ramp to be built, similar to the preferred option presented last year that enables safe cycling access to the Sydney Harbour Bridge cycleway.]

Yours Sincerely,

1. https://www.smh.com.au/politics/nsw/cyclists-face-long-wait-before-harbour-bridge-obstacle-is-overcome-20180321-p4z5fk.html [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
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