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Dear Edward,

**RE: Connected Liverpool 2050: Draft local Strategic Planning Statement**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Connected Liverpool 2050: Draft local Strategic Planning Statement. Bicycle NSW has been the peak bicycle advocacy group now in NSW for over forty two years, and has over 30 affiliated local Bicycle User Groups. We are focused on making things better for bike riding in NSW.

Of the people who completed your survey:

- 14% want more quality walking and cycling paths
- 19% want reduced congestion
- 8% want easy access to local services
- 15% want sustainable urban design, and
- 10% want a response to climate change

The great news is that greater provision for bike riders can help deliver on these, and other priorities, in ways that help improve transport, livability and sustainability.

Western Sydney residents on average have poorer health outcomes than people in other parts of Sydney. Higher rates of inactivity have led to increased rates of overweight and lifestyle diseases such as Type 2 Diabetes, Cardiovascular Disease and Cancer.

Not everyone can spare time from work and family responsibilities to participate in sufficient sport or active recreation to be healthy. However by building for active transport Liverpool Council can enable more people to become physically active as they connect journeys to school, work, community facilities and transport hubs.

Liverpool Council has the opportunity to avoid repeating with the Badgery's Creek Airport the mistakes made in the development of the Sydney International Airport. Workers and local travelers to this hub need cycling and active transport connections that help promote healthy lifestyles and reduce congestion. As education, service and job opportunities expand, connections to enable cycling and walking will help increase public amenity, reduce urban heat, pollution and congestion.

Bicycle NSW recommends incorporating cycleways into the green grid that will enhance active transport and create enjoyable recreation opportunities for the community. We support efforts by Liverpool Council to deliver more cycling and active transport facilities for the community. We recommend prioritising its development in order to reduce pressure on congested roads as more housing and transport projects are built. Providing people with an alternative to driving can help relieve congestion during and post-construction, reducing the impact of these projects on local people and communities.