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Bays West draft Place Strategy Submission
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Dear Sir or Madam,

RE: Bays West draft Place Strategy

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Bays West Draft Place Strategy. Bicycle NSW has been the peak bicycle advocacy group in NSW for over forty-four years, and has over 30 affiliated local Bicycle User Groups.

We are heartened to read this strategy with its clear focus on recognising and incorporating indigenous heritage, environmentally sustainable principles and a plan for protecting native species. Bicycle NSW also supports the

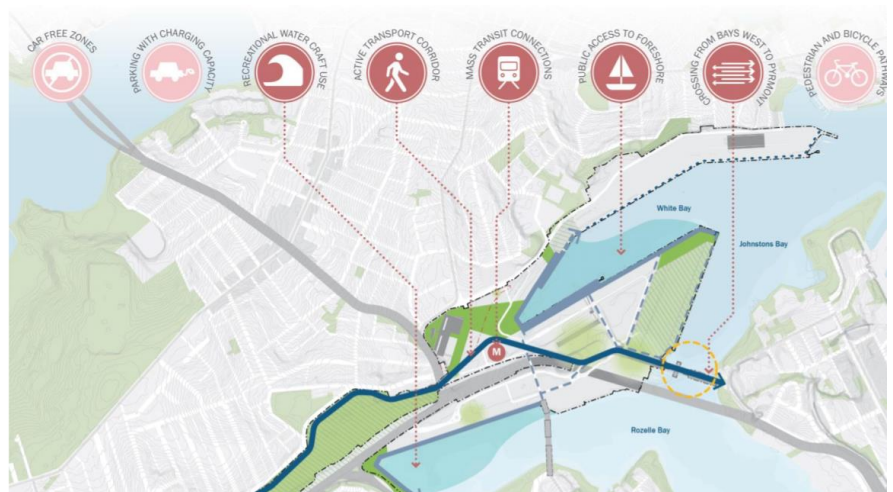
“Prioritising and enabling active mobility to the site (pedestrian and bicycle) for improved health and wellbeing”ⁱ

To this end we support the reinstatement of the crossing from Bays West to Pyrmont for bike riders and pedestrians via the Glebe Island Bridge, as well as the improved connections for walking and cycling outlined in the discussion paper.

3.4 Transport & Mobility

Specific place-based opportunities for transport and mobility are:

- Establish convenient and high amenity active transport links between Bays West and neighbouring high streets and village centres, including Darling Street, Balmain Road, Victoria Road, Johnston Street, Glebe Point Road, and Harris Street.
- Capitalise on the precinct’s location at the convergence of multiple existing active transport routes to create the missing through-link to the CBD.
- Fully connected pedestrian and bicycle pathways serve all areas of precinct and surrounding communities.
- Investigate the reinstatement of a crossing from Bays West to Pyrmont.
- Shared micro-mobility stations located regularly throughout public realm.
- Extend the GreenWay active transport corridor to connect with other existing networks.
- Integrate wharfs and infrastructure for ferry services.
- Facilitate multiple points of water access for small-scale local recreational watercraft use.
- Establish a continuous activated pedestrianised foreshore promenade.
- Car-free zones and parking limited to shared stations.
- Safely and coherently integrate freight and service movements between port and arterial roads.



Bays West Sustainability Discussion Paperⁱⁱ

We agree with 'Big Move 2' that the revitalisation of this precinct and its redevelopment for residential and commercial purposes depends on the reinstatement or replacement of the Glebe Island Bridge for active transport use. The current shared user path on the ANZAC Bridge is insufficient to handle future demand, and involves steep gradients and pinch points that reduce accessibility and amenity for bicycle riders, especially those carrying passengers, goods, riders with disabilities and adaptive or cargo bicycles.

Big Move 2

**A crossing from
Bays West to
Pyrmont to create
more convenient
and direct
active transport
connections**



ANZAC Bridge shown on the left and Glebe Island Bridge on the right.

Bays West Draft Place Strategy.ⁱⁱⁱ

We will reserve comments for the future related to transport planning, when designs are further developed to include greater detail. Bicycle NSW recommends enhancing this project by developing safe cycling infrastructure and high levels of amenity to enable more people to travel to work, education and services by bike, and to make active transport the most desirable option. This will reduce 'friction' to mode shift and support the NSW Government's active transport goals set out in the Future Transport 2056 Plan^{iv}

Should this plan be developed in future, we hope that the measures and priorities articulated to improve safe cycling will be delivered.

Yours faithfully,

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ⁱ Bays West Sustainability Discussion Paper page 35 [Online as at 9/4/2021] https://shared-drupal-s3fs.s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/master-test/fapub_pdf/1559_Bays+West_Sustainability+Framework_rev04.pdf

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iv NSW Government, Future Transport 2056 [Online 1/4/2020] <https://future.transport.nsw.gov.au/plans/future-transport-strategy/future-transport-greater-sydney>, Points 3-5