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The Hon. Andrew Constance MP  
Minister for Transport and Roads  
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Dear Minister

### **Principal Bicycle Network**

I write on behalf of Bicycle NSW and bike riders who have contacted me about the Principal Bicycle Network and a strategic approach to safe cycling infrastructure in Sydney.

Cycling representatives who have contacted me report that the government's action to improve cycling infrastructure is very welcome and there is strong community support for the new separated cycleways including popup routes during COVID restrictions. I share this support for the cycling infrastructure in Pitt, Liverpool and Chalmers streets Sydney, and in Saunders and Miller streets in Pymont that will complete gaps in the central city network and are exciting additions to cycling infrastructure. I am also pleased about planned new cycleways in Oxford Street and College Street. There is strong evidence that safe cycling infrastructure has resulted in higher cycling rates.

However, cycling representatives tell me that Transport for NSW has withdrawn the Principal Bicycle Network and no longer uses this strategic framework to determine further development of cycling infrastructure. They are concerned that all new infrastructure should be linked into a strategic vision for a linked-up cycling network.

Cycling representatives say that decisions about individual cycling routes now appear to be made and funded on a case by case basis without being linked into a planned network. They are concerned that this may result in gaps and disconnected cycling infrastructure, and seek a strategic approach as provided by the Principal Bicycle Network.

***Could you please consider the need for a strategic approach based on the Principal Network for cycling infrastructure and inform me what action you will take?***

Yours sincerely



Alex Greenwich  
**Member for Sydney**

