

To all Councillors
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Dear Bayside Councillors,

Agenda item 12.2 – Kamay Greenway

Bicycle NSW has been the peak bicycle advocacy group in NSW for over forty-eight years, and has more than 30 affiliated local Bicycle User Groups. Our mission is to 'create a better environment for all bicycle riders', and we support improvements to facilities for pedestrians and cyclists. Bike riding provides a healthy, congestion-reducing, low-carbon form of travel that is quiet, efficient and attractive for all ages with the correct infrastructure design.

Bicycle NSW is very supportive of the community campaign to develop the Kamay Greenway, a green corridor incorporating paths for pedestrians and cyclists from Kyeemagh to Sandringham.

As you know, the M6 Stage 1 project is delivering an Active Transport Corridor from Bestic St through the Rockdale Wetlands Corridor. It will be a brilliant and direct alternative to the crowded shared path along the foreshore. Our [submission to Transport for NSW](#) has detailed information about the ATC.

Unfortunately, the ATC only goes as far as Scarborough Ponds in Monterey. The Kamay Greenway concept continues the green corridor all the way to Georges River at Sans Souci.

We congratulate Peaceful Bayside and Councillor Heidi Lee Douglas for their advocacy to date. It is clear that residents and stakeholders are very excited about the proposals.

Not only will the Kamay Greenway provide new connections in a fast-growing part of Sydney and support sustainable transport for the local community. It will create a more direct route to the city for commuting by bike, and take pressure off the foreshore shared path where conflict between people walking, cycling, jogging and dog walking is increasing.

By connecting to Botany Bay's foreshore, the Kamay Greenway will form part of a safe 16 km walking and cycling loop. It will facilitate trips to Sutherland Shire. The Kamay Greenway path can also become part of the visionary 230km [Greater Sydney Bike Trail](#).

The Kamay Greenway route has been identified by Transport for NSW as a [Strategic Cycleways Corridor](#) between Brighton Le Sands and Sans Souci (Figure 1). The Rockdale Wetlands Open Space Corridor was identified in the 2017 Green Grid Strategy (Figure 2). Transport for NSW has a mandate to develop high-quality future-proof active transport infrastructure along the Bado-Berong Creek corridor.

The project also offers a crucial opportunity to regenerate the wetlands, bushland, and parks along the route by removing invasive species and noxious weeds, improving biodiversity and tree canopy.

We ask Councillors to vote for the Motion 12.2 to:

- prioritise investigation into extending the active transport route south of President Ave to Sans Souci;
- seek funding, such as Get NSW Active or similar grants, to commence assessing potential options and feasibility of the project.

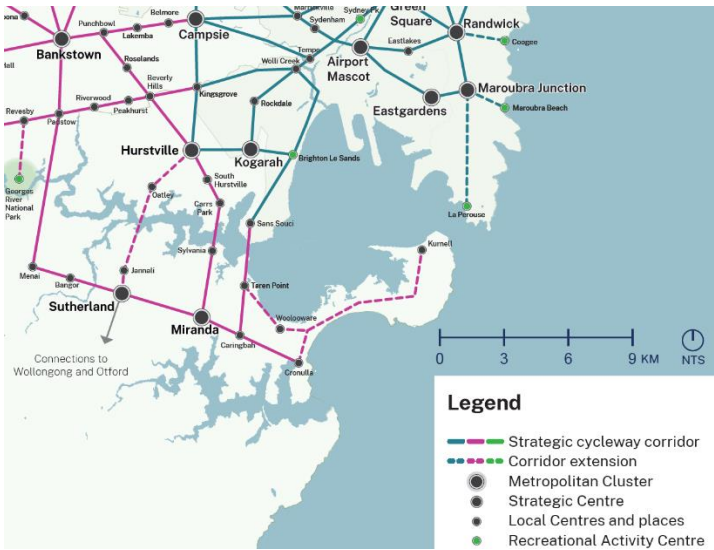


Figure 1:
Extract from the Strategic Cycleway Corridors network for the Eastern Harbour City (Source: TfNSW)

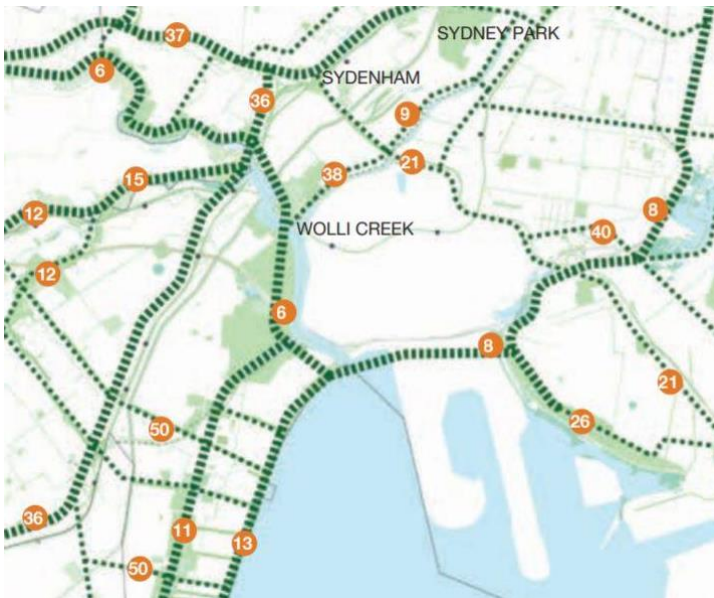


Figure 2:
Extract from the Green Grid showing project opportunities in the Bayside area (Source: Tyrrell Studio / NSW Government Architect)

Priority project opportunities:
11. Rockdale Wetlands Open Space Corridor

We hope that all Councillors agree to get cracking on this exciting project. We look forward to working with Bayside Council to progress the designs in due course. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need further assistance at this stage.

Yours faithfully,

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