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## Bicycle NSW feedback - Riverine Park masterplan

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Dear Bayside Council,

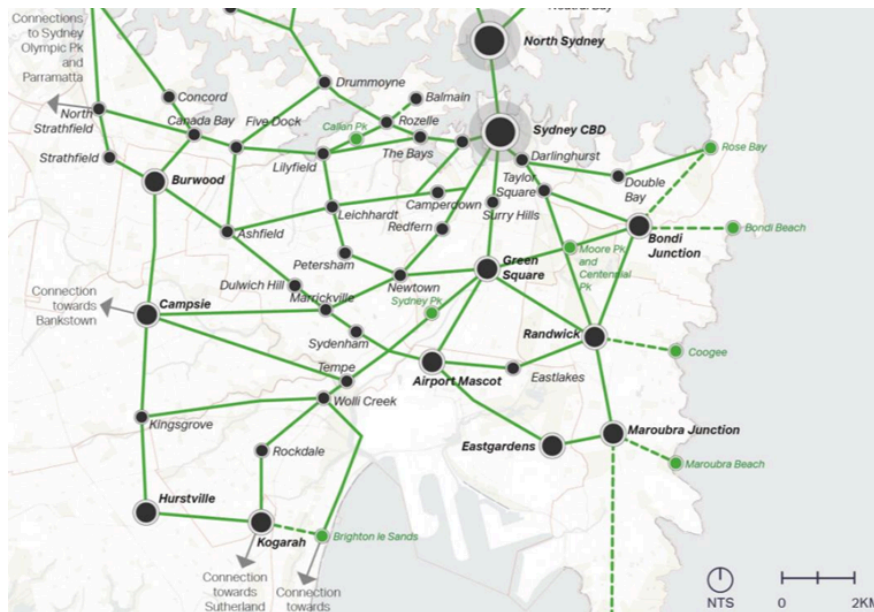
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft masterplan for Riverine Park. Apologies for the late submission - I neglected to note that the deadline was a public holiday.

**Bicycle NSW is very supportive of this exciting masterplan. It promises to revitalise a run down and neglected green space for the community and fill significant gaps in the existing and future active transport network.**

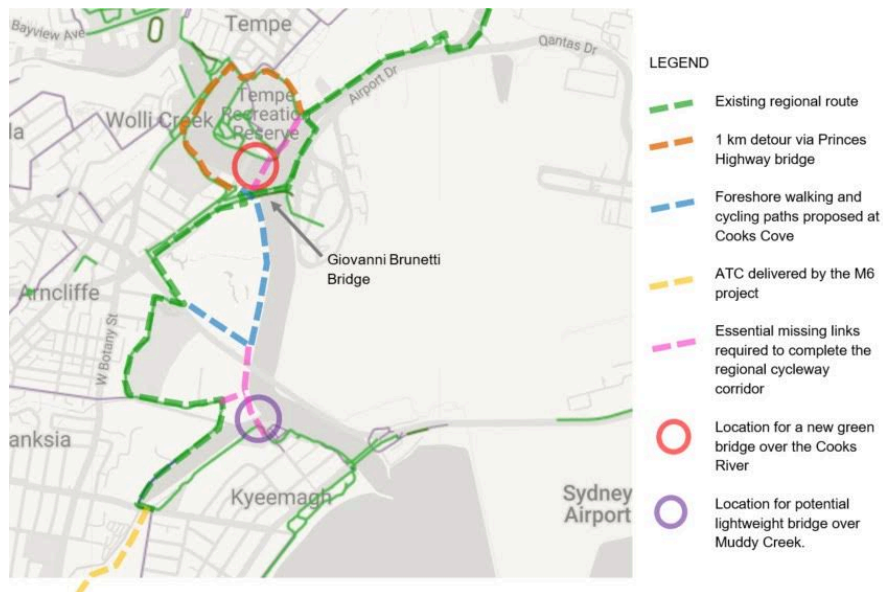
The masterplan includes a crossing of the water pipeline to allow direct access to the Cooks Cove foreshore paths, and an active transport bridge over Muddy Creek to Kyeemagh.

These proposed active transport links are really game-changing. In combination with the Cooks Cove foreshore paths, the recently-completed paths at Barton Park, the upcoming active transport corridor (M6 ATC) south of Bestic Street and the Kamay Greenway concept, the new links at Riverine Park promise to complete an amazing, **direct** and scenic route between the airport and Georges River and Sutherland.

This is a key **strategic cycleway corridor**, as shown on this extract from the Eastern Harbour City network plan. Both Bayside Council and NSW have a mandate to deliver a really high-quality facility that will be used by both commuters and recreational bike riders.



The missing links between Kyeemagh and the Alexandra Canal clearly set out in Bicycle NSW's Cooks Cove submission: <https://bicyclensw.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/230606-Cook-Cove-Planning-Proposal-submission.pdf>



Bicycle NSW makes the following **recommendations** to inform the next stage of the design and development of the masterplan:

- The 'direct' quality of the active transport links is essential. We ask Bayside Council to really push for a waterside boardwalk or bridge to go over or under the waterpipe and deliver this big-picture plan to connect directly to the future Cooks Cove paths. Please rally the support of walking and cycling advocates in Bayside and beyond - we are all very keen to support Council in advocating to the relevant stakeholders.
- The paths should be designed from the outset to cater for future demand and the different user groups. The route will attract fast commuters, e-bike and (once legalised) e-scooter riders, as well as families with young children taking wobbling rides and big numbers of people walking, running and dog walking. The number of users will grow as medium- and high-density housing is built in the area. To avoid conflict, people walking and cycling will ideally be separated. If this is not feasible, very wide 5m paths are needed to future-proof the facilities.
- It is very important to ensure local links into Riverine Park are improved as well as the regional strategic corridor. This includes connections to the Spring Street shared path and Eve Street. A new signalised crossing at Spring St is planned and it is essential that this is delivered, with phasing that prioritises people walking and riding.

Bicycle NSW looks forward to working with Bayside Council on the detailed design and delivery of the plans for Riverine Park. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can help in any way. If requested, we would be delighted to assist with advocating for cycling infrastructure in the LGA through our connections with politicians, Transport for NSW and neighbouring metropolitan councils.

Many thanks and kind regards,



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