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Alexandra Canal Cycleway, Sydney

Dear Mr Schmitz,

I am the CEO of Bicycle NSW, the peak advocacy group for bike riding in New South Wales, Australia. Our base is in Sydney.

I am very concerned that a critical and strategic piece of cycling infrastructure that connects Sydney Airport with central Sydney has been deferred by government agency Transport for NSW.

We have been told that there is no way to create access past a site operated by Gate Gourmet at 300 Coward St, Mascot NSW 2020.

This is a major setback for Sydney's bike network, which is finally improving after many years of inertia.

Bicycle NSW has written an article <https://bicyclensw.org.au/alexandra-canal-cycleway-shelved/> to explain why this short missing link is so important for cycling in Sydney. We set out some possible solutions.

The route along Alexandria Canal is the only feasible option for a safe and direct bicycle link that can be used by all members of the community.

We understand that Transport for NSW has consulted with Gate Gourmet operational staff at a local level. However, we believe this issue should be explored by senior management.

We are asking senior leaders at gategroup to investigate the project and collaborate with Transport for NSW to see if a way forward can be found without impacts on your operations or security.

A safe cycleway alongside your Mascot site would have many benefits for Gate Gourmet. It would enable and encourage employees to commute without a car. It would support staff to use public transport with easy 'last-mile' trips to train stations and bus stops.

The project aligns with your ESG Framework. It will help reach the goal of Net Zero by 2050 by reducing Scope 3 emissions from employee transport. And of course, the cycleway provides an incredible overall legacy through positive health, social and community impacts

I very much look forward to hearing your thoughts about the next steps. I can be contacted by phone on +61 416 227 158 and email peter.mclean@bicyclensw.org.au We are currently 8 hours ahead of Switzerland.

Yours sincerely,



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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.

This map shows the location of the missing section of cycleway, and its optimal route alongside the Gate Gourmet site at 300 Coward Street, Mascot:

