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Dear Minister,

**Re: NSW Regional Trains – roll on bikes**

One of the top three advocacy priorities for Bicycle NSW in regional areas is for trains to accommodate roll-on bikes. We have campaigned for this over many years for the following reasons:

- Bicycle NSW Members, alongside the wider bike riding community, continually remind us of the need and the opportunity for roll-on bikes on trains and we always seek to represent the thousands of Members in regional NSW.
- Roll-on bikes on trains will facilitate multi-modal transport, supporting both local connectivity and tourism. The ability to roll-on bikes will allow one-way trips, solve 'last mile' barriers to public transport use, and provide access to everyday destinations and recreational trails without using a car. This will improve access to jobs and opportunities for residents of regional towns and cities.
- Dismantling, boxing and weighing bikes to board NSW TrainLink regional train and coach services is a [major deterrent to NSW tourism](#).
- Roll-on bikes on trains functions extremely successfully in many jurisdictions both in Australia and overseas, Victoria is the leading State in Australia. Currently NSW loses millions of dollars of tourism revenue to Victoria where regional trains welcome roll-on bikes and bicycle tourism is flourishing, attracting both domestic and international tourists.

Two limited trials on the Western XPT line in 2024 and 2025 were very welcome and greatly appreciated but too limited in scope and therefore impact.

The critical focus must be ensuring bicycles can be rolled onto the new regional fleet which is currently under development.

Early indications were that this was being taken care of. However, Bicycle NSW has not yet received a detailed briefing on the new trains bicycle storage capabilities, despite multiple requests. We are concerned that restructuring at Transport for NSW has caused this issue to fall off the agenda.

**Bicycle NSW therefore requests an urgent update on the planned roll-on bikes capability and associated amenities to ensure we can get the best outcome for this once in a generation project.**

We are genuinely here to help and want to make sure the Government is getting the best value and impact for their very long-term investment.

**We must get this right for the economic and social benefit of regional NSW.** Let's not miss an opportunity for multi-modal transport in regional areas or lose billions of dollars in tourism revenue over the life of these trains.

I look forward to hearing from the relevant team at Transport for NSW as soon as soon.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. McLean". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Peter McLean  
Chief Executive Officer

*Bicycle NSW has been the peak bicycle advocacy group in NSW for fifty years and has more than 35 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.*