

6 January 2014

The Hon Duncan Gay MLC  
Minister for Roads & Ports  
Level 35 GMT  
1 Farrer Place  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Minister

### Sydney Harbour Bridge Cycleway

I write to request action to improve safety, access and amenity for this vital transport link.

My submission to the Sydney Harbour Bridge Southern Toll Plaza Precinct Upgrade Project supported community calls for a separated cycleway to be constructed where the toll plaza was being removed. This would have allowed for a safe route for commuting cyclists separated from Fort Street Public School students and pedestrians. The school community is concerned about the safety of students and cyclists using this route.

Your response to my question in Parliament referred me to Roads and Maritime Services material stating that the Toll Plaza project scope did not extend to this proposal. It is disappointing that this opportunity for safety and access improvements for pedestrians and cyclists was excluded.


The Upper Fort St cycling corridor includes the footbridge over the Cahill Expressway corkscrew ramp where cyclists face steep grades, too narrow a path and blind corners. There is significant conflict with pedestrians in sections of this route and with Fort Street Public School students in Upper Fort Street adjacent to the school.

The need for a cycleway along Upper Fort Street is recognised in the City of Sydney's Masterplan for Observatory Hill. I have seen cycle counts showing 2,500 riders using this route every weekday, with numbers continuing to rise. Counts of cyclists show that numbers in the CBD have doubled since 2010 and are also increasing.

I support the call for a separated cycleway along Upper Fort Street and upgrade of the corkscrew overpass bridge.

***Could you please give priority to improving safety and amenity at this location and inform him what action you will take?***

Yours sincerely



Alex Greenwich  
**Member for Sydney**  
CC: Minister for Transport

