

17 March 2014

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

Dear Minister

### **Pedestrian Access Ultimo – CBD**

I write on behalf of Ultimo residents who have contacted me about direct access between Ultimo and the city. Yimmy Seifert from Ultimo Village Voice tells me that the previous direct walkway attached to the Western Distributor was partly removed when an additional lane was added with the 2004 Cross City Tunnel changes.

Yimmy says that both current and future arrangements will require pedestrians to descend from the Western Distributor and take an indirect route through Darling Harbour and Darling Quarter in order to reach Liverpool, Bathurst and King streets, which are key entry point to the CBD. Yimmy says that pedestrians currently have to take steps or lifts to the ground level and travel south, east and then north rather than directly.

Yimmy says that residents and the City of Sydney have been calling for reinstatement of the direct walkway since 2004. She asks that lighting on the walkway from Harris Street be improved as the Global Switch building now overshadows the walkway and cuts out natural light.

I share residents' concern that we should provide direct pedestrian access, particularly in areas where short distances allows many residents and workers to walk. I understand that this proposal is not part of the Darling Harbour Live redevelopment; however it should be integrated into the Darling Harbour project to ensure direct pedestrian access.

***Could you please liaise with the Minister for Trade and Investment to reinstate direct pedestrian access along the Western Distributor to the CBD and inform me what action you will take?***

Yours sincerely



Alex Greenwich  
**Member for Sydney**  
CC: Minister for Trade and Investment

