

21 November 2014

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

Dear Minister

CBD Cycleways

I write to request that the government urgently proceed with the planned separated cycleways approved as part of the 2013 City Centre Access Strategy.

Media reports indicate that no action has been taken to approve plans and begin construction on the cycleways before work begins on the CBD and South East Light Rail project and proposals that would undermine the safety and access requirements for separated cycleways.

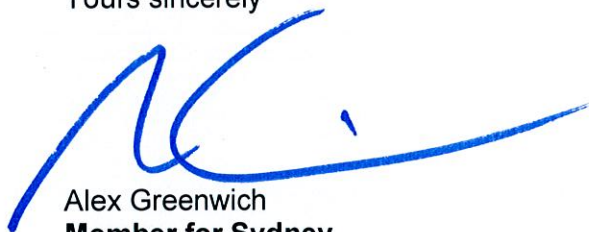
I have grave concerns about making cycleways part time and removing barriers that would separate heavy vehicles from bicycles on these key routes, putting vulnerable road users at risk. These proposals undermine the City Centre Access Strategy, which strategically allocates central city road space, with dedicated routes for light rail, buses, private vehicles, delivery vehicles and taxis, bicycles and pedestrians.

The Access Strategy identifies safe separated direct cycleway connections to within five kilometres north, east, west and south of the CBD, specifying the routes to which cyclists will be directed, with the additional aim of reducing conflict between different road users.

An integrated transport strategy for the inner city is essential to address congestion. This must give priority to active transport – public transport, cycling and walking. I ask that you take urgent action to proceed with these plans.

Could you please inform me about progress on the implementation of the approved CBD cycleways?

Yours sincerely



Alex Greenwich
Member for Sydney
CC: Minister for Transport

