

Your chance to help make Sydney a cycle-friendly city!

The State government does not appear to want to improve the quality of life of people in New South Wales by providing money to build a cycleway network! They would prefer to see cyclists die on the roads or drive cars and therefore increase smog in Sydney.

What is needed?

A commitment to the 4-link BikePlan (see reverse)
AND the budget to build it - \$100 million/year for the next 3 years.

This is tiny compared to the RTA's \$2 billion roads budget. Currently the RTA only spends a pitiful \$3 million/year on cycleways in Sydney. Cyclists can't use bike paths that don't exist. All the advertising in the world won't make cyclists feel safe if they don't have their own space both on roads and on off-road paths.

What can you do?

* Go to a 'public consultation process' meeting being conducted by consultants for the RTA and make your voice heard!

Monday 29th June - 2pm at BLACKTOWN Workers Club
Campbell Street, Blacktown (just near the Blacktown station)

Tuesday 30th June - 7pm at LEICHHARDT Town Hall
Cnr. Norton and Marianne Streets, Leichhardt

Wednesday 1st July - 7pm at PENRITH Regional Library
Penrith Civic Centre, Cnr. High Street and Mulgoa Stree, Penrith
(to confirm all times and locations phone as below)

* Phone Warren Salomon - 9386 4484 or Heather Nesbit - 9654 0031 who are conducting the 'public consultation process' and tell them you want to see the 4-link BikePlan built and not another round of 'covering the issues'. We already know what these are.

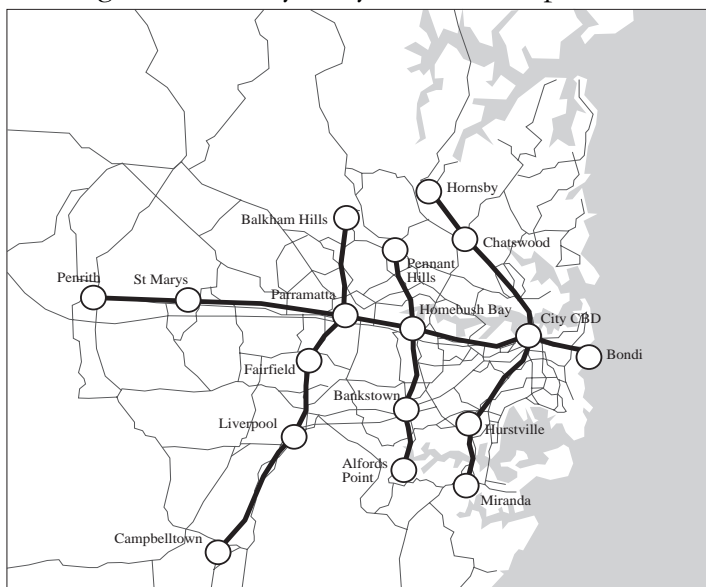
* E-mail Warren Salomon - salomonw@ozemail.com.au and Heather Nesbit - heathern@ozemail.com.au and tell them that cyclists need infrastructure and funding not education or public relations - or something along those lines - be creative! Please cc your message to Carl Scully, the Minister for Bicycles - ascully@parliament.nsw.gov.au and the Sydney Morning Herald - letters@smh.fairfax.com.au and the Daily Telegraph - dtmletr@ozemail.com.au



Please copy this flyer and distribute it to your friends and colleagues

What is the 4-link BikePlan?

If built, the 4-link BikePlan will form the basis for a comprehensive network of dedicated cycleways for the whole of the Sydney metropolitan region. Local area networks can then be built on the back of this 'skeleton', so that Sydneysiders could cycle safely anywhere in the city. The plan consists of four dedicated cycleways which would be of a high-quality surface, separated from motor vehicle traffic by a physical barrier. The significance of this proposed skeleton is that it links major centres such as Bondi Beach and the Olympic site, Penrith, Parramatta and Liverpool. The 4-link BikePlan extends into most regions of the Sydney metro area, forming a strong basis for future regional and local cycleway network development.



Now is the time for Sydney to begin what many other cities around the world take for granted—construction of a comprehensive cycleway network suitable for cycling commuters as well as weekend and recreational rides. Cycling is an important and vital part of a city's transport network, it must be adequately resourced. There are many things you can do to help promote cycling, so why not join in and help make cycling and Sydney better for everyone!

For more information call the 4-link BikePlan Hotline: 9614 0777

■ Writing letters is important and they do make a difference! Every letter is representative of at least 100 other people.

The Minister who decides how much is spent on cycleways is Mr Carl Scully. Write to:
Mr Carl Scully
Minister for Roads
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
Sydney 2000

■ You can join a Bike User Group (BUG) in your local area and help with practical ideas for where cycleways are needed and should go. For details, contact Bicycle New South Wales on phone (02)9283 5200

■ You could also ride with hundreds of other cyclists in Critical Mass — an organised coincidence. Cyclists meet on the last Friday of every month at Hyde Park Fountain at 5:30pm, and then they go for a ride, on mass, all at the same time. It's great fun!