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City of Parramatta Council

For the attention of Mark Crispin, Senior Transport Planner, City Strategy,
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Submission re Epping to Carlingford Cycleway.

We appreciate the opportunity to make comment upon the proposed Epping to Carlingford Cycleway. The Trust is keen to see useful active transport infrastructure built in Epping.

The Trust first received very general details of this proposal at a meeting with Mark Crispin on September 30, and some more specific details per email on October 15, followed by a meeting with Mr Crispin on Bridge Rd on October 30, at which some of our member's concerns were voiced. We are told that any submission must be made by November 5, although we cannot find where the Council invited submissions and nominated that date.

We were dismayed on October 30 to learn that the proposed route is essentially fixed and cannot now be changed following a determination in October 2018.

We make this submission with the proviso that we have not had adequate information on specific traffic alterations provided to us in a timely manner, and therefore not had time to properly consult with our members or the Community. We ask that a further four weeks be provided so that that consultation can usefully be done.

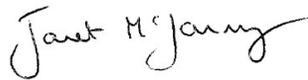
To date our major concerns are as follows:

1. We are concerned that with the best will in the world the trees along Bridge Rd between Wyralla and Rawson St will suffer damage during the work of the widening of the footpath to provide a cycleway.
2. We are concerned about safety of cyclist/pedestrians with the narrowing of what is already a busy Bridge St, and which is likely to become busier with the widening of Epping Bridge.
3. We are concerned about the loss of the large Paperbark tree on the corner of Midson and Wyralla, and would like to see this saved.
4. We would prefer different trees to those proposed on Willoughby St, and have provided Council's Mr Crispin with our preferred species. Also, can additional trees be planted on the northern side of Willoughby?
5. We are concerned about the safety of several intersections including Rickard/Barellan/Keeling; Wyralla/Kent; Marsden/Pennant Hills Rd; and the intersection of Midson Rd with Wyralla, and the amount of concrete to be used there.
6. We seek an alternative route north of Pennant Hills Rd to avoid the existing steep section of shared path on the southern side of the road.
7. We would prefer to see the route along Tomah St rather than Barrelian.
8. We believe a route directly from Willoughby to Ryde St would be preferable, but as you have said, this would need the agreement of the Loftus Square Park Committee.

9. We would like to see a cycleway which would enable cyclists conveniently ride across the railway line from one side of Epping to the other.

We trust these matters and others that members of the Trust may raise can be resolved before the work on the cycleway commences. And repeat our request that the Trust and community members be given a further four weeks to make submissions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet McGarry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Janet McGarry,

President, Epping Civic Trust.