

30 March 2021

The Hon Rob Stokes, MP
Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities and Minister for Active Transport
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Dear Dr Stokes

Re: Bridge Road cycleway

The Glebe Society has 450 members. We are deeply concerned about the announcement that the temporary cycleway on Bridge Road is to be made permanent.

We support safe cycleways in and around Glebe but this cycleway is unsafe.

Bridge Road is a narrow arterial road; the cycleway merges with the roadway in a number of places, has blind corners and crosses many private driveways, entrances and side streets along its path. Many of these hazards cannot be mitigated without compromising all road users and residents.

This week's community announcement refers, rather vaguely, to *improved safety*. It is not clear if these are improvements which have been made. If so, they are not working. If they are future improvements, we would like to know what is proposed and how will it mitigate the problems referred to in the paragraph above?

The community announcement also refers to the cycleways *growing use*, but TfNSW's Open Data Hub shows only a weekly average of 1,192 rides in one direction or another over a 14 month period.

The inherent safety issues mean that the cycleway is not widely used. The fact that many cyclists prefer using the footpath rather than the cycleway is an eloquent demonstration that it is not working as intended.

Minister, we ask that you defer the decision to make the cycleway permanent and look at all the options for delivering a safe cycleway including better alternatives to a narrow arterial road where the cycleway merges with traffic.

We do not believe it is wise to invest public funds in making a failed temporary cycleway permanent. Certainly not until other options have been explored.

We look forward to your reply and would also like to meet with you.

We would appreciate if your reply included an outline of the plans referred to in the community announcement for *improved safety* of the cycleway and for the installation of parking bays for deliveries.

Yours sincerely



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President