

Comments on the Bike Plan

Overall, the plan is very impressive. Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment acknowledge that this plan is separate from any plans for mountain bike riding or BMX bikes.

We support the plans to upgrade the connectivity and safety of cycle riding facilities. Our mission is to lobby for permanent protection of bushland in the catchment of Narrabeen Lagoon and therefore would make the following comments ...

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- extending the Narrabeen Lagoon Trail along creek lines including Mullet, South, Dee Why and Middle Creeks and access to surrounding suburbs.
- providing active transport corridors on Pittwater Road, Warringah Road and Wakehurst Parkway.

Comment: These two objectives need to both be met by providing a cycle lane alongside of the Wakehurst Parkway from Warringah Road to Pittwater Road but with safety barriers separating bike riders from the road vehicles.

Because the road traffic is permitted to travel at 80kms and the road is winding, we consider the safety barriers would need to be steel or similar - not low blocks as pictured on Page 25.

We would not support the cycle track beside Wakehurst Parkway being developed as a shared path with walkers because the terrain is very steep and cyclists are likely to be travelling very fast. It would be better to make a narrower walking track along the other side of Wakehurst Parkway also separated from traffic by a strong barrier. This could be provided with shaded seating at appropriate intervals for the convenience of walkers.

We would not support an additional cycle track separated from the road and routed alongside the banks of the nearby Middle Creek as this would involve unacceptable impacts on bushland.

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We applaud the initiatives and plans in the Safe Cycling Network Section and the plans for end-of-trip bicycle storage facilities.

We note that in some of the maps, the road via Oxford Falls Rd and Morgan Rd through from Wakehurst Parkway to Belrose is marked in blue. This route could end up being very popular and would also need the same safety barriers as the Wakehurst Parkway route because Morgan Road is very steep. If it was very popular, then dedicated cycle bridges would need to be built across Middle Creek and Oxford Creek. The road is a ford at Middle creek (there is a pedestrian bridge but it has steps that make it unsuitable for bikes) and the road bridge across Oxford Creek is very narrow.