



Carmel Tebbutt MP

MEMBER FOR MARRICKVILLE

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Ms Fiona Campbell
115 Illawarra Road
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Dear Ms ^{Fiona} Campbell

Thank you for your email about the use of bicycles in NSW.

In 1999 the NSW Government released *BikePlan 2010*. This Plan has provided over \$220 million towards bicycle programs so far. The Lemma Government is committed to improving facilities.

In 2006/2007 the Government has allocated \$71.3 million for cycleways. In addition to this, the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) will be providing facilities for the use of cyclists as part of major road construction projects valued at over \$7 million.

The initial commitment in 1999 to deliver an average of 200 km of cycling facilities per year has been exceeded. The average of 236 km of cycling facilities has been provided annually.

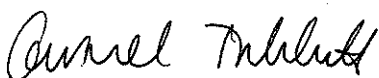
Locally, the NSW Government has funded projects submitted by Marrickville Council. This financial year's projects is the "Sydney to Parramatta" cycleway, that will run parallel to the railway line, through Marrickville via Longport St, Railway Terrace, Gordon Street and Trafalgar Street.

The Lemma Government understands the environmental and health benefits of cycling as a means of transport. With climate change firmly on the agenda, cycling also has an important contribution to make in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

If re-elected on 24 March, the Lemma Government will establish a Minister for Climate Change, Environment and Water, so that we can work with the community in reducing air pollution and traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions.

I have attached for your information a copy of the Morris Lemma Government's policy on climate change.

Yours sincerely,


Carmel Tebbutt, MP
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