



Victoria Road
Cyclist and Pedestrian Improvements
REF Supplement

REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

DECISION REPORT

March 2010

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INTRODUCTION

A Review of Environmental Factors (REF) Supplement has been prepared to assess the potential environmental impacts of the Proposal as described below. The REF Supplement has been prepared and forwarded for assessment from Infrastructure Development. This Decision Report has been prepared to consider the REF in relation to requirements under the NSW *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* and Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, 1999*.

The objectives of this Decision Report are to:

- Assess the likely environmental impacts detailed in the REF Supplement
- Determine the significance of those impacts
- Propose conditions of approval to apply should the Proposal proceed

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed work is the improvement of cyclist and pedestrian facilities within Drummoyne, Rozelle and Balmain. The work as assessed in the REF Supplement has been split into two sections. This decision report is for stage 1. Below is a description of the stage 1 works.

Stage 1 works would consist of the following activities

- All works in Drummoyne
- Iron Cove Bridge staircase
- Back street route in Rozelle
- Footpath resurfacing in Rozelle (subject to available funds)

Location	Type of Activity
All works in Drummoyne	
Safety improvements at Cambridge Road	New fencing at the end of the shared-use path to discourage cyclists from continuing along the footpath.
	Additional painted symbols and footpath markings to notify cyclists of the change from shared-use path to the pedestrian only path.
Wrights Road, from Wolseley Street to Lyons Road	Installation of signage, line marking and bicycle symbols
Cycle path at Lyons Road and Wrights Road	One-way cycle paths on both sides of the bus turning bay at the intersection of Lyons Road and Wrights Road, separated from the turning bay by kerbs.
	A ramp on the northern side of the bus bay to enable passengers to alight from buses.

Location	Type of Activity
Renwick Street, from Lyons Road to Roseby Street	Installation of signage, line marking and bicycle symbols
Cycle paths through the Wrights Road / Seymour Street intersection	Two one-way cycle paths will be constructed through the nature strip between the northern and southern sections of Wrights Road, Drummoyne to provide continuous cyclist access along Wrights Road.
Iron Cove Bridge stairs	Widen the footpath at the top of the stairs beside the existing Iron Cove Bridge in Rozelle.
	New pavement marking, signs and fencing to make a safer junction between the staircase and the shared-use cyclist and pedestrian path.
Back street route in Rozelle	
Terry Street, from Victoria Road to Wellington Street	Bicycle symbols and signage (citybound and outbound)
Wise Street, from Wellington Street to Darling Street	Bicycle symbols and signage (citybound and outbound)
Beattie Street, from Darling Street to Ewell Street	Bicycle symbols and signage (citybound and outbound)
Ewell Street, from Beattie Street to Evans Street	Bicycle symbols and signage (citybound and outbound)
Evans Street, from Ewell Street to Goodsir Street	Bicycle symbols and signage (citybound and outbound)
Goodsir Street, from Evans Street to Moore Street	Bicycle symbols and signage (citybound and outbound)
Moore Street, from Goodsir Street to Crescent Street	Bicycle symbols and signage (citybound and outbound)
Crescent Street, from Moore Street to Robert Street	Bicycle symbols and signage (citybound and outbound)

Stage 2 of the REF Supplement is subject to a further consideration.

JUSTIFICATION OF THE PROPOSAL

The improvements to the cyclist and pedestrian facilities in Drummoyne and Rozelle were identified as important issues during community consultation for the Inner West Busway along Victoria Road. Close to 200 submissions called for improvements to cyclists and pedestrian facilities in the Drummoyne and Rozelle areas. Discussions noted that cyclists and pedestrians face a number of issues and obstacles travelling along the Victoria Road corridor between Gladesville Bridge and The Crescent and connecting with the Bay Run crossing of Iron Cove.

Issues included:

- Concerns about the safety of the staircase at the Rozelle end of Iron Cove Bridge.
- Conflicts between cyclists and pedestrians on Iron Cove Bridge and shared-use paths.

- Obstacles on shared-use paths including bus shelters and rubbish bins.
- Improved connections to the Bay Run.

The Proposal is considered necessary to provide safer and more continuous routes for cyclists and pedestrians and to facilitate further growth in these transport modes.

CONSIDERATION OF REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

The REF Supplement has been examined and considered. The REF Supplement addresses the requirements of Section 111 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979*.

In considering the activity this assessment has examined and taken into account, all matters affecting or likely to affect the environment by reason of that activity as addressed in the REF Supplement and associated information. This assessment was considered in accordance with the Department of Planning's best practice guideline *Is an EIS Required?*

This assessment has considered the potential impacts of the activity on critical habitat and on threatened species, populations or ecological communities or their habitats for both terrestrial and aquatic species.

As part of the consideration of the activity this assessment has also addressed matters of National Environmental Significance (NES matters) and any impacts on Commonwealth land. In relation to NES matters, this evaluation has been undertaken in accordance with Government Administrative Guidelines on determining whether an action has, will have, or is likely to have a significant impact.

CONCLUSION

The activity described in the REF Supplement will have some environmental impacts that can be ameliorated satisfactorily. Having regard to the safeguard measures proposed and to the Conditions of Approval set out below, this assessment has considered that these impacts are unlikely to be significant and therefore an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

The activity described in the REF Supplement is unlikely to affect declared critical habitat. The activity is unlikely to significantly affect threatened species, populations or ecological communities or their habitats. Therefore a Species Impact Statement is not required.

The activity described in the REF is unlikely to affect Commonwealth land and is unlikely to have an impact on matters of National Environmental Significance.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

SECTION A – PRE-CONSTRUCTION

1. Environmental Safeguard Measures

- 1.1. All Conditions of Approval within this Decision Report and safeguard measures and commitments from the REF, the REF Supplement and any additional mitigation measures required to meet appropriate environmental legislation are to be incorporated within the Contractor Environmental Management Plan

2. Detailed Design

- 2.1. Any proposal to substantially modify the Proposal, works and boundaries applicable to the stage 1 project as described in this decision report would require additional environmental impact assessment.
- 2.2. Any additional site compounds not described in the REF Supplement would require environmental impact assessment.

3. Environmental Auditing and Inspection

- 3.1. Any works resulting from this approval and as covered by the REF Supplement may be subject to an environmental audit(s) and/or inspection(s) at any time during their duration.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Inner West Busway Cyclist and Pedestrian Improvements REF supplement – stage 1 as described here-in, proceed subject to implementation of all environmental safeguard measures identified in the original REF, REF Supplement, and the above Conditions of Approval.

The REF Supplement – stage 1 approval shall remain current for five years from the date of approval, at which time it shall lapse if construction works have not begun. It is recommended that the proposal proceed.

Approval recommended by:



Joseph Fanous
Senior Environmental Officer

Date 15-3-10

In accordance with S 111 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, I have considered to the fullest extent possible all matters affecting or likely to affect the environment by reason of the proposed Inner West Busway Cyclist and Pedestrian Improvements REF Supplement project – stage 1. Having regard to the project and safeguard measures as described in the Decision Report, I agree that the activity is not likely to significantly affect the environment and therefore an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. I agree with the recommendations of the Senior Environmental Officer and approve the carrying out of the Inner West Busway Cyclist and Pedestrian Improvements REF Supplement – stage 1 project in accordance with those recommendations. The approval will remain valid for five years from the date of approval, at which time it will lapse if construction works have not begun.



Geoff Cahill
Infrastructure Development Manager, Sydney
Date 15/3/10