
Subject: Integrated Transport Options

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Dear Mr Wright

Integrated Transport Options for Southern Tasmania

I should like to encourage the provision of bicycle facilities as part of the integrated transport network. Safe bicycle lanes will encourage the 60% of people who are keen to ride but are worried about heavy traffic to get on their bikes - either for short stand alone trips or to access Public Transport. Bicycle lanes are also important for children riding to school - surely every child should be able to do this? It is important to make the bike lanes attractive for people to use and they must link in with schools, shopping centres and public transport.

A good example is the Hobart Intercity bicycle path. I would NEVER have considered riding my bike out to shop, have coffee etc in Glenorchy as in the past it involved riding along a busy road - but now this is a very pleasant option. Certainly the rail line provided a good route but there are other areas in Southern Tasmania where off road or broad shoulder bike lanes could be developed.

Park and ride depots and bus station hubs should also provide bike storage for those wishing to integrate their cycling with public transport. People are reluctant to leave their precious bikes exposed for the day whilst they ride to town, work or school. In Victoria many train stations have 'Parkateers' where bikes can be safely locked away.

The bike racks on buses should be initiated now - in Canberra they are adding them to every bus. We have not used them yet! This is an example of true integrated transport.

In Southern Tasmania we still have the potential to develop first class integrated transport facilities. I hope that you will consider bicycles as part of the network.

Please contact me by email if you have any questions.

kind regards

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