

Robert Byrne - Tallawarra lands preferred project

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The Illawarra Active Transport Taskforce (IATT) is a coalition of Government, Council, business and community groups working to improve the use of walking, cycling and public transport in the Illawarra region. In response to the exhibition of the Tallawarra Lands preferred project, we are very concerned that there be sufficient provision for cyclists and pedestrians.

Given the location of this site adjacent to Lake Illawarra, it is important that pedestrian and cycling pathways are provided which are:

- ? of sufficient width and quality to meet government guidelines for shared pathways (that is, at least three metres in width);
- ? that are complete and integrated with other active transport infrastructure in the development; and
- ? which provide integrated links with any future pathways planned to encircle Lake Illawarra.

Wollongong City Council's Bike Plan identifies a pathway to encircle Lake Illawarra. The proposed Tallawarra development needs to include responsibility for the provision of the section of the pathway that coincides with the Council's plans, including completed linkages with existing pathways.

The IATT is aware that the provision of safe and linked pathways is one of the factors which most encourage people to take up cycling and walking for recreation and for commuting. Given the well-recognised positive impact of active living on public health and well-being, we strongly urge that NSW Planning and Infrastructure includes good quality pathways, which are integrated with existing and proposed pathways, as part of any new development.

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Regards,
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