

Newcastle Cycleways Movement

Input to the review of NSW Bike Plan 2010

Review Workshop for Newcastle and Hunter
Region 9/12/08

The Australian National Cycling Strategy 2005-2010

The benefits are acknowledged....But where is the funding?

- All levels of government need to seriously reallocate funding priorities in favour of cycling

NSW Plan Score card

- ✓ An information document setting out overall approach
- ✓ A good summary of the benefits of cycling.
- ✗ Annual Budget
- ✗ Reference to clear action plans
- ✗ Clear Accountability
- ✗ Adequate funding for key regional cycling projects

Long delays in completing key projects - Fernleigh Track, Wallsend Glendale



Fernleigh Track
Construction start 2001
Opening, Stage 1 in Feb
2003



Waiting for Stage 3 (of 5)
2009 start
Wallsend Glendale not
started

S Lanes and squeeze points

Cyclists squeezed off the road, and are acting illegally if they use the only safe alternative, the footpath



Bollards that are non compliant and cause accidents

NCM member photographed, itemised and discussed 14 pages of these kind of bollards in 2006...most are still there unchanged.



Silly signage.

This is part of the NSW Coastal Cycleway - Newcastle



Poor planned maintenance Glass and rubbish on roadside.

This road was repaired and sealed but the shoulders were simply sealed over the holes



Gaps in the network / connectivity

Mapping inadequate

- E.g. Coastal cycle way marking stops right where it is busiest for cyclists i.e. centre of Newcastle.
- Current RTA cycle maps highlight dangerous main roads but give few clues to how to use safe back street access

Cycling a poor cousin for major retail / property developments

- E.g. Kotara development. Existing cycleway will be broken to allow easier car access.
- Council agreed with developer submission that cost of a raised overpass was prohibitive.

The NSW Bike plan 2010

Overall impression - Sweet and pretty but lacking substance



Newcastle Cycleways would like
to see for the NSW Bike Plan
2015

The Top 10 actions



1. The NSW Bicycle Act

An act to advance the
bicycle as a mode of
transport

2. No going backwards

Never make things worse for cyclists.

Retain or improve existing cycling infrastructure – Don't sell out to car lobbies and developers

3. Bicycle Budgets & Concrete Implementation Plans

4. Build it...they
will come

Infrastructure first

Separated Cycle Paths in high traffic areas

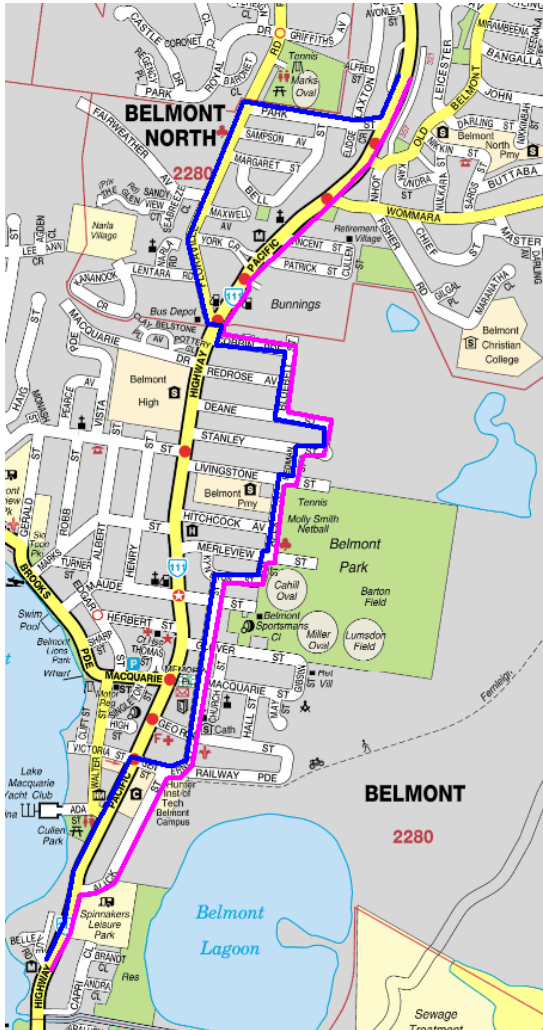


**5. Better use of current
road and transport
space**

**6. Involve cyclists
in running the
plans.**

7. Do cheap simple things first - get rid of the bad stuff

8. Improve signage and maps



Example of suggestion for safer route through Belmont, avoiding Pacific Hwy where possible. Created using Google maps

Provided by NCM member Darrell Stone

9. Improve Cycling Education (but the paths need to be safe first)



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10. Improve Cycling links to Public Transport and parking

