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NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure

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**State Environmental Planning Policy No 65
Improving apartment design and affordability**

As Bicycle Network is Australia's largest bicycle organisation with a large membership across Australia, bicycle parking issues are on our agenda every day of the year.

For decades our published guidelines and documents served as the default principles for state and local agencies, and developers, building owners and managers. More recently we have drafted the material for what will become the national Austroad guidelines for bike parking across Australia.

We value the opportunity to make this submission to your review.

Wherever there are apartments there is higher population density, and as a consequence, more residents will choose to ride bikes for employment, local access, and recreation. This creates much stronger demand for appropriate facilities for the owners and tenants in apartment buildings. Too often in the past there has been an acute shortfall. The result is bikes crammed into hallways, fire escapes and balconies while unused cars gather dust in the car park.

We urge you to take the opportunity of this review to recognise that urban mobility is in the throes of major transformation and that the proper accommodation of bicycles is essential in order to enable the overall objectives of state environmental planning policy to be met.

Please find attached our submission to SEPP 65 and the Residential Flat Design Code.



Kind Regards

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Grace Macpherson

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