

**St Leonards Crows Nest Draft 2036 Plan
Submission re: proposed “Foreshore to Foreshore Link”**

The “Foreshore to Foreshore Link” described in the St Leonards Crowes Nest Draft 2036 Plan will be a valuable and welcome enhancement, if designed and implemented properly.

In this regard, the Draft 2036 Plan should be amended to ensure the following:

1) The “Foreshore to Foreshore Link” should be designed so that it is fit for purpose for runners and (high speed) cyclists to commute safely and conveniently from their new apartments in the St Leonards precinct to:

- Key regional destinations (such as the City CBD) via the existing Gore Hill Freeway cycleway
- Key facilities within the St Leonards precinct (such as Royal North Shore Hospital / St Leonards Station / Gore Hill Tafe / Gore Hill Oval)

2) The “Foreshore to Foreshore Link” needs to properly connect in a safe and convenient manner to the key facilities that exist to the west of the Railway Line (ie. Royal North Shore Hospital, Gore Hill Tafe, Gore Hill Oval, and to the new school site that is being investigated in that area).

What is required is a dedicated pedestrian and cycleway link that extends from Gore Hill Tafe through Royal North Shore Hospital and across the railway line at Herbert Street to join the “Foreshore to Foreshore Link”. Given the parcels of land to the west of the Railway Line are already under Government ownership and control, such a “western” cycleway link should not be difficult or costly for the Government to deliver.

In addition to providing safe and convenient access to the key regional facilities mentioned above, this “western” cycleway link would also provide residents living to the west of St Leonards with a safe and attractive alternative to riding on the Pacific Highway (which for most commuters is a dangerous and intimidating experience).

The requirement for such a “western” cycleway link to the west is recognised at page 58 of the Draft 2036 Report, which includes the following recommendations:

Objective	Action and Recommendation
Provide clear, continuous and direct pedestrian and cycle routes to priority destinations such as St Leonards station ... Royal North Shore Hospital and St Leonards TAFE	Provide east-west pedestrian and cycling connections to the north-south regional pedestrian and cycling links.
Connect to the regional pedestrian and cycle link via Herbert Street bridge above the railway line.	Provide a pedestrian and cyclist extension from the Herbert Street bridge to improve east west connectivity and provide access to the foreshore to foreshore link.

Unfortunately, the Draft 2036 Plan is not otherwise sufficiently clear that such a “western” cycleway link will be delivered. None of the pictures / figures in the Draft 2036 Plan show this connection. It is particularly concerning that Figure 30 on page 60 shows a number of vague arrows extending to the West of the Railway Line with the caption “*Improved connections to the Health and Education precinct for further investigation*”.

The Draft 2036 Plan should be amended to make it clear that such a “western” cycleway link is a priority and will be delivered in conjunction with the “Foreshore to Foreshore Link”.

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