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WalkSydney Inc

WalkSydney submission to Bayside Council on Kamay Greenway

Thank you for the opportunity to write this letter to Bayside Council.

WalkSydney is a community group and the peak advocacy group working to make it easier, safer and more pleasant to walk in Sydney. WalkSydney's vision is that "Walking will be convenient, accessible, safe and enjoyable for everyone." WalkSydney is a member of the **Better Streets**, a coalition of hundreds of community organisations advocating for better streets in Australia

WalkSydney has four key asks:

- 30 km/hr urban default speed - making it safer for everyone, including children to walk
- Improve signals for pedestrians - reducing waiting time, prioritising people and removing beg buttons
- Modernise road rules to prioritise people walking
- Allocate 20% of TfNSW funding for walking and cycling (consistent with the Climate Council recommendations)

The Kamay Greenway initiative promises to significantly enhance local infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists, offering a safe and scenic route connecting Kyeemagh to Sandringham. This project aligns with our goals by improving accessibility, promoting active lifestyles, and fostering community connections. Furthermore, its focus on ecological restoration and connectivity across various green spaces showcases a commitment to sustainable urban planning and community health.

We are particularly supportive of the proposed route's design considerations that respect the natural landscape and community needs. The non-invasive, ecologically sensitive planning principles ensure that the Greenway will serve not just today's community but also future generations.

We urge Bayside Council and all stakeholders involved to continue to prioritize this pivotal project. We believe the Kamay Greenway will set a benchmark for how urban spaces can be transformed to promote health and well-being while respecting environmental and cultural values.

We look forward to seeing the positive impacts of the Kamay Greenway and are eager to contribute to its success. Please feel free to contact us for further discussion or collaboration on this initiative.



Thank you for your commitment to improving our community's public spaces.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Levinson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Professor David Levinson, WalkSydney Member, Bayside Resident, and Board Advisor
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