SHOALHAVEN BICYCLE USERS GROUP Affiliated with Bicycle New South Wales 12 Maybern Close NORTH NOWRA NSW 2541

Dear Sir/Madam,

Having read the Progress in Rail Reform issues paper the Shoalhaven Bicycle Users Group would like to make the following comment:

The Shoalhaven BUG, along with other bicycle groups and our parent organisations, Bicycle NSW and the Bicycle Federation of Australia, have long lobbied for a more sustainable urban transport system with cycling and walking complimenting mass public transport systems such as light and heavy rail. We only have to look at the overseas experience in countries such as Japan and the Netherlands were secure cycle parking is provided at train stations, and bicycles are catered for on trains. These countries are an example to Australia were very little is being done to encourage any other form of transport than the almighty car.

The Committee of the Shoalhaven BUG has read and strongly supports the submission by our parent organisation, the Bicycle Federation of Australia to the progress in rail reform commission.

Jim Florence Secretary

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