

***BICYCLE USER GROUP OF
FAIRFIELD HOLROYD***

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Progress in Rail Reform inquiry
Attention: Ms Carole Trenberth
Productivity Commission
LB2, Collins Street PO East
Melbourne 3003

Dear Ms,

The Bicycle User Group of Fairfield Holroyd (BUGOFH), wishes to make a submission to the Progress in Rail Reform inquiry.

As a passenger user group with specific needs, cyclists have by and large been neglected with the introduction of new rolling stock.

Since the removal of goods vans from passenger trains, the possibility of organizing bicycle trips beyond the metropolitan area of Sydney using the rail system have been severely curtailed due to inadequate space to store bicycles in these trains.

The group that I represent (BUGOFH) has had to resort to using private cars to provide transport that was otherwise provided by State Rail, at a loss to State Rail revenue and the environmental damage that ensues from private car use.

Despite the provision of bicycle lockers at selected stations, the use of the suburban network by cyclists during peak hours is also a problem for cyclists who need use their bicycle at both ends of the rail journey.

We therefore seek to have the benefits of dual mode transport raised in this inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

Anthony Pettit