

Dear Commissioners

The ACF would like to endorse the Bicycle Federation of Australia submission to the Productivity Commission Inquiry into Progress in Rail Reform.

The ACF is particularly concerned by the submission's comment on the unsustainable trends in Australian passenger transport. That is:
"What all (Australian) cities have in common is rapidly increasing levels of unsustainable motorisation, declining use of public transport, walking, the informal sharing of cars and very little increase in commuter cycling since 1976" (p6)

ACF urges you to take particular note of the following conclusions drawn by the submission:-

6. The Commonwealth should follow world best practice and nurture the development of rail infrastructure in all urban areas as an intergrated part of a long term strategy for sustainable transport development.

7. Australia needs more bicycle access to urban rail systems, faster trains and safe and secure bicycle access at both ends of a railway trip.

Yours sincerely

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