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## Duck River Nature Trail – Stage 2 Feedback

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Duck River Nature Trail – Stage 2 (*The Plan*).<sup>[1]</sup> These comments have been prepared on behalf of CAMWEST, a Bicycle NSW affiliated Bicycle User Group (BUG) with a focus on advocating for and encouraging cycling in Western Sydney.

Overall CAMWEST are very supportive of *The Plan* and commend Council for trying to construct the active transport corridors in a challenging and somewhat hostile cycling and walking environment. We would like to make the following comments:

- Although in the Cumberland LGA (and noted that in the documentation Cumberland were planning to exhibit their section of the draft concept design concurrently with the City of Parramatta,<sup>[2]</sup> but at the time of writing we are yet to see Cumberland's plan), CAMWEST members have asked whether a raised combined pedestrian and cyclist crossing would be possible at the Junction St crossing. Also, the western approach to the Junction St crossing does not appear to be much of an improvement on what currently exists.
- We support either of the two road configuration options presented.
- Please provide wayfinding signage as part of Stage 2 linking the two on-road sections until Stage 3 can be planned and constructed. From our perspective, Skarratt St North, Derby St and Vore St would be the preferred on-road route option.
- We are wondering why the southern side of Holker St was chosen for the separated path in preference to the northern side. We would have expected less vehicular movements across the pathway on the northern side.
- The crossing of the Freight Movement's driveway on Blaxland St appears to be sub-optimal, but we cannot see any better alternatives.

CAMWEST look forward to the construction of these two segments of Stage 2 and eagerly anticipate construction of Stage 3, which will fully realise the potential this corridor has to offer for Active Transport users.

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### References

1. <https://participate.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/duck-river-nature-trail>
2. Point 12 of 'Reports to Council', Item 13.7 - <https://participate.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/projects/download/19899/ProjectDocument>