



**Senator the Hon Carol Brown**

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**Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Transport**

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Dear Oli, Mulhim and Amin,

Thank you for your letter of 19 October 2023 to the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, Minister for the Environment and Water, regarding making bike lanes safer to increase physical activity, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality. Your letter has been referred to me as it falls within my portfolio responsibilities. I apologise for the delay in responding, sometimes letters take a while to get to where they need to be.

I understand your concerns about the safety of our bikeways. We know that encouraging more people to use active transport will make a substantial difference to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. However, and as you all rightly pointed out, people won't opt for riding a bike to school or work if there aren't safe ways to do so.

I am proud that as a Government we are working to both decrease our greenhouse gas emissions and improve cycling safety.

Improving cyclist safety is a priority for the Australian Government. To achieve this, we have partnered with a Victorian based organisation called the Amy Gillett Foundation. The Foundation was set up after the tragic death of Australian cyclist Amy Gillett and has the sole focus of improving cycling safety and access to better and safer cycling infrastructure across the country.



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In partnership with the Australian Government, the Amy Gillett Foundation is currently undertaking a project called 'BikeSpot'. BikeSpot allows individuals to jump onto the BikeSpot website and label locations they think are safe for cyclists, and more importantly unsafe for cyclists. With the information collected through BikeSpot, the Amy Gillett Foundation will work with local councils to inform better decision making for cycling infrastructure across the whole country.

I would encourage you to reach out to your local Federal Member, Peter Khalil MP. I have forwarded this correspondence to his office.

Thank you and congratulations for your advocacy for your community,

Kind regards (and happy holidays!)

Carol Brown

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