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Subject: Submission

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to make a submission for a shared cycleway/bike track from Berry, along Beach Road, to connect it to 7 Mile Beach.

Not only would this be a huge drawcard for tourism, but it would benefit the local community and keep it safe.

This stretch of land has become so popular, with many new homes from land that has been sold off and split up. Therefore, the traffic has increased and many people like to ride their bike along there, however it is very dangerous as it is only single lanes and many travel along it at 100kph.

Many years ago I began a petition, assisted by Gareth Ward when he was a councillor on Shoalhaven Council, however when the meeting was held with the local community and a committee formed, the organiser would not allow Gareth Ward to be on the committee because he wasn't a resident of Berry. The committee then voted it was of more importance to build more footpaths around town, therefore the momentum was lost with the idea of Berry to the Beach.

As the population has expanded greatly over the years with many young families continuing to call Berry home, it is vital that we provide healthy outdoor pursuits for them.

I sometimes get concerned about what tourists have to do other than shop and dine out when they come here to visit.

Imagine if there was somewhere they could do a family bike ride or walk together, instead of lining up at the donut can.

As a resident in the township, I see families looking for adventure with their bikes and boards on their cars, and nowhere to ride. Quite sad when you think about the worrying obesity rates in this country.

I do hope this submission is heard loud enough to resonate with the powers that be.

Yours sincerely
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