

Central Coast Bicycle User Group



Submission to: Wyong Council

Re: Morisset to Chain Valley Way Cycleway

To: Ian Rhodes, Section Manager Recreation Planning & Development, Wyong Shire Council

The Central Coast Bicycle User Group fully supports Wyong Council and the Mannering Park Precinct Committee in the goal of providing a public cycling facility (a shared path) along the Lake Macquarie waterfront, connecting Mannering Park to the existing shared path at Chain Valley Bay. This would be a valuable facility for local residents as well as touring and recreational cyclists.

We understand that this route may require several bridges and hence be of significant cost. Also, that there has been a security concern raised by Delta Electricity (Delta) due the close proximity of the Vales Point Power Station.

As we understand it

- Delta is a publicly owned company (Government Trading Enterprise), operates on public land and, based on their 2013 Annual Report, made a net profit after tax of \$86.1M in 2012-13.
- There is likely sufficient space for the shared path on Crown Land which will not impinge on any Delta facility.

We certainly do need to take Delta's concerns into account in the design of the shared path, however in our opinion:

1. Delta's concerns should not prevent the public use of public land;
2. Delta should support the local community by part funding the cycleway through funding the bridges, especially over any power station water inlet & outlet areas, and funding any fencing required to alleviate their security concerns.

We believe that there should be some direct benefits to Delta through the introduction of an adjacent public use facility such as a shared path, via increased security (passive surveillance).

We are willing and able to lobby various levels of government to achieve the desired and best outcome for NSW residents – a lakeside cycleway.

I look forward to hearing back from you soon on this matter.

Regards,

Alan Corven

President, CCBUG

CC: Boyd McMillan & Stephen Dignam (Wyong Council), Mannering Park Precinct Committee, Delta Electricity, Newcastle Cycleways