

Submission to: Gosford Council

Re: Parking along The Esplanade, Ettalong Beach

To: David Gillett, Cycleways & Pedestrian Safety Officer

Hi David.

There are several locations along the water side of The Esplanade, near Bangalow St (a new section) and Rickard St where 90 degree off street angle parking is provided. As no indication of appropriate direction of parking is signposted, most cars park "nose to curb".

For cyclists (and other motorists) using The Esplanade this represents a safety hazard when those vehicles are reversing out onto The Esplanade, as drivers often cannot see any traffic until the rear of their vehicles are at least out onto the edge of the road (very close or over where cyclists tend to ride).

The Esplanade is an important cycle route as it provides a relatively safe alternate to the busy main roads (Broken Bay Rd, Barrenjoey Rd and West St).

CCBUG therefore requests that Council marks all these 90 degree parking areas as "Rear to Curb" parking.

Furthermore, we request that any future angled parking bays in Gosford Council area are designed and marked as:

1. Rear to curb
2. 45 degree angled parking (rather than 90 degree)

We are happy to discuss this, or any other cycling related infrastructure, at any time with Council to help provide a better outcome for cyclists.

Regards,

Alan Corven

President, CCBUG