

# Central Coast Bicycle User Group



## Submission to: Gosford Council (GC)

### Re: Coastal Cycleway Overgrowth

**To: David Gillet, Cycleways & Pedestrian Safety Officer, Gosford Council**

Hello David.

Firstly, thank you for arranging recent trimming of some overgrowth on the Coastal Cycleway, also known as the Points to Pelicans Cycleway.

As advised earlier, over grown vegetation on the cycleway is a safety concern for cyclists and pedestrians alike, especially as it often restricts the usable width of the path placing cyclists and pedestrians (and cyclists and other cyclists) in closer proximity. This then may lead to incidents or accidents, of which there is some anecdotal evidence from regular path users.

We request that Council perform regular trimming of the vegetation alongside the cycleway, and to encourage/enforce residents whose property adjoins the cycleway to maintain their trees and shrubs to keep them within their property boundaries. To minimise ongoing trimming requirements, the vegetation should be cut back at least 0.5 metre beyond the sides of the cycle path.

We believe that at least 6 monthly inspections of the complete length of the cycleway should be carried out by Council, with maintenance work then scheduled accordingly.

Please find below some photos of current overgrowth (from Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May) in various areas of the cycle path which we believe needs to be address as soon as possible to prevent further incidents or accidents.

#### **Woy Woy Foreshore / Murphys Bay:**

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Figure 1 - Overhanging trees/mangroves, Murphys Bay

## Koolewong:



Figure 2 - Overhanging tree, Koolewong



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Figure 3 - Overgrown trees?, Koolewong

## Tascott:



Figure 4 - Overgrown vegetation on corner, Tascott

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Figure 5 - Overgrown shrubs/trees, Tascott



Figure 6 - Overgrown trees/shrubs taking up nearly half the path, Tascott

Regards,

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