

To: Ms Fran Bailey
Committee Secretariat
Standing Committee on Primary Industries and Regional Services
House of Representatives
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Dear Ms Bailey,

One very effective form of economically sustainable development for rural areas is cycle tourism. The South Australian government leads the way in this area in Australia, as they have seen the considerable benefits that can be brought to the state with relatively little investment. Transport SA's BikeSouth Strategy contains an entire section on the benefits of cycle tourism for the state. Many people travel to SA from all around Australia and the world because they know they will be provided with safe and enjoyable cycle routes. This results in a considerable input of revenue that could just as easily have been lost to other states and other countries.

Australia Cycling is the new national cycling strategy which also mentions cycle tourism as a potential growth area. See the strategy at http://www.transport.sa.gov.au/invplan/bikesth/bikesth_fr.htm. A National Cycle Route Network would be a great start to implementing the national cycling strategy.

Also, at the Australasian Cycling Conference (VelOZity) in February, a representative of the trucking industry stated that his industry would be very supportive of cycle touring networks, as it would make rural roads safer for both cyclists and truck drivers, not to mention all motorists.

I support the Bicycle Federation of Australia / Bicycle Queensland submission(s), and hope that you will consider Australia's economic, environmental and social future by investing in a National Cycle Route Network.

Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely,

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