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To: NSW Productivity Feedback

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Hello - I'm reading the draft *Continuing the: Productivity Conversation Green Paper*. It has good and much-needed recommendations. I have two points about the discussion of transport/infrastructure recommendations:

- Part 6.3 talks about how priorities have overridden community benefit (i.e. major high-risk, "ribbon-cutting" projects being chosen over smaller projects with equal or greater benefits). The "illustrative examples" listed need to include traffic-protected bicycle lanes on major commuting roads. These are low cost projects that can reduce congestion for people who need to use cars/trucks. Part 6.4 recognises the benefits of active transport, and cycling infrastructure should've been included in the "illustrative examples.
- It's confusing that the report says "We cannot build our way out of road congestion" in part 6.4 and then supports the Pinch Point program initiatives including road widening. This is not consistent. Road widening may have benefits in regional/suburban areas but the tentacles of the Pinch Points program have terrible impacts in urban locations. For example one recent proposal outlines increased walking time and distance to public transport.

Thank you