

# NATIONAL ROADS AND CYCLISTS ASSOCIATION



## PRESS RELEASE

With reference to the Op-Ed piece in today's Sydney Morning Herald by the president of the NRMA, Mr Alan Evans, the president of the NRCA, Mr Alan Odds has issued the following press release.

Mr Evans states in today's Sydney Morning Herald that the "NRMA's goal is to keep Sydney's road network moving". Surely replacing some of the cars that clog Sydney's carways with bicycles will reduce congestion.

While he might complain about the \$7,500,000 price tag, it must be a step in the right direction. He implies that only the motoring lobby have access to large scale public funding. He seems to have conveniently forgotten that without the large public subsidies, the private motor car, as transport of choice would be extinct. Perhaps Mr Evans should let us into the secret and shady world of carway funding. Are there usage requirements before a carway is funded?

Mr Evans' naivete that the lane closures will force motorists into the Lane Cove Tunnel is surprising. What else did he or anyone else expect? Of course there would be lane closures: how else is the tunnel going to get its customers? Why has it taken so long for the penny to drop for the president of the state's main car lobbyist? The man is obviously incompetent and should resign forthwith.

People living in the Epping Road catchment now have clear transport choices: ride a bicycle, catch public transport or pay the toll in the tunnel. The NRCA does not care what choice people make, as long as they do not complain about it.

We at the NRCA have some additional questions for Mr Evans and his herd of dinosaurs. He claims that the NRMA "fully supports cycling in areas that are safe". What does he mean by this? How does **HE** define "safe" from a cycling perspective? Does he really mean that cycleways should not be built at all and that is just a convenient excuse?

Finally, the NRMA does not need to "reassure" cyclists of anything. We know their form and thus far there has been no evidence of any worthwhile support for cycling from this draconian organisation.

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