

# **Submission on Biking improvements on Oriental Bay, Evans Bay Parade (Kilbirnie) and Thorndon Quay**

**To the Wellington City Council**

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**We would like to appear in person to support our written submission**

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## Introduction

1. The Wellington City Youth Council is pleased to submit on the improved cycle connections proposals put forward by the Wellington City Council
2. We feel improving the quality of different modes of transport is vital to ensuring sustainable growth in our city. As part of this, cycle connections form a vital part of the future transport network of Wellington.
3. We are extremely happy with the consultation that has been conducted on their proposals, and the fact Council has listened to previous feedback, to ensure these cycle ways strike a compromise.

## Overview of Submission

4. The submission by the Wellington City Youth Council on the improved connections will address the following topics:
  - a. Oriental Bay
  - b. Thorndon Quay
  - c. Evans Bay Parade

## Oriental Bay

5. In line with our previous submission on the topic, the Youth Council is pleased to see Council has adopted feedback from residents of Wellington and proposed a compromise, that improves cycle connectivity, while retaining the benefits of Oriental Bay.
6. In particular, we are pleased to see the second pathway be designated as 'cycle only', as this will remove conflicts between pedestrians and cyclists on this route. We are also pleased angle parks have been retained, and time limits will remain as they currently are. This is important as many young people utilise the nearby marina for sailing and other recreational activities.

## Thorndon Quay

7. The Youth Council supports the proposed changes to Thorndon Quay. The design of the cycle way identifies that most cyclists in this area will be commuting into the CBD, and therefore does not require it to be a shared pathway (as per Oriental Bay, which is not the most optimal commuting route, so most cyclists will be cycling for recreational purposes).
8. The change to parallel parks, and lowering of time limits could cause conflict with those that use these carparks all day on their way to work. However, we feel the current use of these carparks is a suboptimal use of public space, and this sufficiently discourages parking in this location all day. We hope these commuters will make the choice that having to park further away means driving into the CBD is no longer desirable, and will utilise other modes of transport – the train being one option in the immediate vicinity.
9. Thorndon Quay is a wide road, with immense potential to encourage other modes of transport in a safe and efficient manner.
10. We would encourage Council to reseal the road, or remove the current road markings in some other way, as painting over them as has been done in Island Bay degrades over time, making the new road layout unclear.

## **Evans Bay Parade**

11. The Youth Council feels these pathways have been well designed, and once again make use of appropriate choice of segregated modes for the desired end users. It is appropriate to use a shared pathway in this area, as most cyclists using this pathway will be low speed, local cyclists, including those travelling to St. Patricks College.