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RAMPING UP ACCESSIBILITY FOR CYCLISTS ON THE SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE

Cycling across the Sydney Harbour Bridge will be made easier for Sydney cyclists with planning underway for the much-anticipated ramps replacing the current obstacles.

Minister for Roads Duncan Gay today announced the NSW Government is upgrading the cycleway to improve access for more than 1900 daily users.

“We’re seeing more and more people ditch their cars and jump on their bikes and we are ensuring the correct infrastructure is in place to support this positive move,” Mr Gay said.

“The Sydney Harbour Bridge is a vital commuter link for Sydneysiders and we are committed to boosting cycling infrastructure to meet the growing demand.”

Cyclists currently need to dismount and push their bikes up and down 55 steps at the northern end of the cycleway to access the bridge.

Mr Gay said while there is a ramp in the middle of the staircase to make this task easier, it is by no means ideal or easily accessible for all users.

“We are investing in a new ramp which will be built to remove this problem and provide a connection to the future Naremburn cycle route.

“This is a huge win for cyclists and one we as a Liberals and Nationals Government are proud to be investing in.”

The southern end of the cycleway will also receive a facelift with a new dedicated cycleway removing the need to share public roads and footpaths between the bridge and Kent Street.

“It is important we get this upgrade right, not only to ensure cyclists have access to better infrastructure, but also to protect the heritage value of the bridge,” Mr Gay said.

“The community will be invited to provide feedback on concept designs for the upgrade mid next year.

“Work on both ends of the cycleway will be under way once planning and heritage approvals are achieved.”