

Mr Andrew Constance
Minister for Transport NSW
P.O. Box K659
Haymarket NSW 2000

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Dear Minister Constance,

I write on behalf of the Glebe Society which has in excess of 400 members.

Automated Pedestrian Lights in Glebe

Members of the Glebe Society have welcomed the pedestrian lights being automated in the city. The requirement to press the button to have the lights change is welcome not just to avoid unnecessary touching in Covid 19 times but we also welcome the pedestrian being given equal priority to motor vehicles and having the pedestrian walk light come on in each phase of the lights guarantees this. It avoids the scenario where the pedestrian gets to the lights too late to press the button for them to change, or the situation where no one has pressed the button and the pedestrian have to wait a full phasing of the lights. The Glebe Society requests that the pedestrian walk light automatically come on for all pedestrian lights in Glebe.

More Space For Pedestrians to Walk

During times where the main opportunity for exercise is walking, running or cycling we have seen a dramatic use of our parks and pathways. This has been true in many areas. It has certainly been true in Glebe. We would like to see an increase in the width of pathways/footpaths provided for walking. Many are very narrow and allow for little social distancing. In future and present planning we request that greater consideration be given to the needs of pedestrians to be able to walk comfortably along footpaths without having to walk onto the road to pass people or share the footpath with bicycles.

Yours Faithfully,

Janet Wahlquist
President
Glebe Society.