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To: Records Unit
Subject: Sandy Bay Cycling Lanes project

As an occasional commuter-cyclist from Taroona to the city I appreciate the work done by the Hobart City Council in extending the bicycle lanes south to the Taroona boundary.

However I am concerned that there should not be any reduction in pedestrian safety in this process. I notice that the pedestrian island has been removed from Sandy Bay Road near the intersection with Pauldon Drive. This removal was included in the detailed design drawings [http://www.hobartcity.com.au/Projects/Other Council Projects/Sandy Bay Road Walking and Cycling Project](http://www.hobartcity.com.au/Projects/Other_Council_Projects/Sandy_Bay_Road_Walking_and_Cycling_Project) as was the installation of a new pedestrian island closer to Mitah Crescent; however the new pedestrian island has not yet been installed. As a resident of Taroona I am only too aware of the importance of pedestrian islands when attempting to cross this busy, winding main road, especially for school students attempting to reach bus stops. I trust that a new pedestrian island will be installed for the residents of Pauldon Drive and Mitah Crescent soon.

I would also like to highlight a hazard for cyclists riding along the shared pedestrian/cyclist footpath where it crosses the entrance and exit driveways to the Caltex service station in Sandy Bay Road (near the Casino). I have felt quite vulnerable as a cyclist at this location, because motorists do not appear to be watching for cyclists on the footpath. Could warning signs for motorists be placed near these entrance/exit driveways ("Give way to cyclists and pedestrians"), or could the footpath be given a green coating to highlight the likely presence of cyclists (provided that this coating is non-slip, for pedestrians)?

Feel free to contact me if you would like more information about these issues.

Kind regards,