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The Hon. Stephan Knoll,

Minister for Transport, Infrastructure & Local Government.

Minister for Planning.

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Dear Minister Knoll,

I read with concern of your Government's intention to slash the **State Bicycle Fund** providing annual grants to Councils to support construction and maintenance of essential bicycle and active transport infrastructure. I regard this ongoing work by my Council as a high priority!

Your Government's reduction of the SBF **to around \$300,000 or even less** for the coming year appears to discount the community's need for secure Active Transport options and looks like tokenism at its worst!

Why? Because it simply *will not be enough* to continue to support local government efforts to create a 'bike friendly city' at ground level where it counts!

I am very concerned where this may leave my own Council and community as they face multiple challenges associated with increased heavy vehicle and commuting traffic, the burdens of crash-related injury and death on our roads, growing impacts of air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions and the lack of secure options for physical activity.

I ask that you urgently reconsider this reduction in funding to Councils, reinstate (and indeed increase) the State Bicycle Fund and make a public announcement to this effect as soon as possible!

Yours sincerely,

(signature, name & return address)