The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor of Sydney
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To:
His Excellency, Mr Murat Kurum, President-Designate
The Hon. Chris Bowen MP, President of Negotiations
The Parties
31st Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change

Letter of support
Cycling for climate action

I write in support of making cycling a measurable part of your national climate action plans.

Here in the City of Sydney, cycling is a core part of our work to take action on climate change, as transport is the second-highest and fastest-growing source of carbon emissions in our area, generating about 15% of our greenhouse gas emissions. Making it easier for people to ride also improves productivity, the City's economy, and our community's health.

Since 2007, we have built a bike network with over 29km of separated cycleways, 66km of shared paths and another 61km of other cycling infrastructure – increasing the number of people riding each day. As we have built our network, the popularity of cycling has grown. On an average weekday, there are now 48,000 trips are taken by bike in the City of Sydney – the equivalent of 51 full trains. Last year alone, there was a 20% increase in bike trips in our area.

Making Sydney a city for walking, cycling and public transport is one of the 10 strategic directions in our community strategic plan, Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision. Our Sustainable Sydney 2030-50 target is for 10 per cent of all trips in the city to be made by bike.

Our Cycling Strategy and Action plan keeps us moving toward this target. It has four priorities. We will:

- Connect the network – build a bike network to make it safer for people to ride in Sydney
- Support people to ride – understand and address barriers, and help people to start and continue riding
- Support business – partner with employers to encourage staff to ride
- Lead by example – share our expertise and be a positive influence for improvements for cycling within and beyond our boundaries.

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You can find out more about our strategic plan and our cycling strategy and action plan at city.sydney/sustainable-sydney-2030-2050 and city.sydney/CyclingStrategy.

I urge you to also make cycling a measurable part of your national climate action plans and international commitments, with targets, budgets and delivery plans.

This letter was delivered to you by the COP31 Bike Ride and travelled to you by bicycle, a symbolic and significant act that demonstrates that anything can be achieved with active mobilities. In our city, 70% of Sydneysiders tell us they want to ride but don't feel safe enough. Be assured, active travel can count on enormous support from our communities.

If your staff would like to contact my office about this matter, they can contact Alison Lee, Senior Policy Officer, on 02 9265 9229 or at AJLee@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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