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Subject: Thank you and Merry Christmas from Adelaide's bike riders

Dear [Councillor]

We are writing on behalf of Adelaide's bike riders to say thank you for your support this year, voting to progress the bike ways in the City of Adelaide. It is an exciting time and we appreciate your efforts.

We know there was some disappointment that we 'the bike lobby' (as we have been labelled) weren't there to cheer you on when you voted in September to progress the bike ways. Although we have been labelled the 'bike lobby' what we really are is a group of volunteers and bike riders who are just trying to fight for our little bit. We don't have any financial interests. We don't get paid. We don't ask for donations. We are just trying to represent bike riders, in what is often a hostile environment, that we find hard to understand. For us riding is a no brainer. We still (perhaps crazily) feel we should be supported. Instead we have to fight for every little bit (often over and over again) and then are expected to jump up and down for every little bit we finally get. It is a difficult process for us. But we will keep at it.

Thank you again for your support. We hope you hold strong in the face of another attack on the bike ways in the media. Please hold to your decision and don't let the recent media attacks ruin our 3rd go at the bike ways. Let's break the cycle. Please.

While we weren't at the meeting to support you, we will be there to support the opening. To celebrate our first two bike ways, and to encourage others to have a go. We will keep spreading the good news as best we can through this process, but the bike ways being completed will be the best news story without any promotion.

From the bike riders of Adelaide, we wish you a wonderful Christmas and a well earned holiday.

See you in the new year

With thanks from the riders of Adelaide and The Bicycle Institute of SA