



Nomination for BRICKBAT Land Not Allocated for Bike Lanes



West Lakes Boulevard, West Lakes. Land not clawed back from new development (facilitated by SA Government) to allow bicycle lane extension, west of The Pinery. Looking to east along West Lakes Boulevard. Date 20180703 N: 7798



West Lakes Boulevard, West Lakes AAMI stadium grounds before subdivision of land for housing, showing possibility of widening road reserve to extend on-road bicycle lane, even to providing off-road bicycle lane.

There has been an immense improvement in bicycle infrastructure since the early nineties but bicycle lanes, especially on main roads and particularly painted lanes, are still notorious for ending at a most vulnerable point, such as an intersection approach or departure.

Many painted bicycle lanes are also of minimal width and often within the door opening zone of parked cars. With lack of perceived safety cited as the major issue for not taking up cycling, it behooves road authorities to further improve the safety of bicycle lanes.

It is therefore disappointing that opportunities are often not seized when land is redeveloped, particularly when the redevelopment instigator is the South Australian Government and its agencies, as is the case of land of the former AAMI stadium in West Lakes.

With the government lavishing substantial public money on reconstructing a stadium in Adelaide for an already lucrative sports industry in order to facilitate the conversion of the AAMI stadium for housing, it would seem that a minor allocation of land for traffic safety is warranted. For example:

- Regency Road and West Lakes Boulevard are marked as cycle routes on Bike Direct maps.
- West Lakes Boulevard feeds into Military Road, is popular for training with sporting cyclists and is one of the most direct means of accessing the beaches from the mid-western suburbs.
- Regency and Muller Roads have painted bike lanes for nearly all their length from North East Road to Torrens Road but disappearing 100m from Torrens Road. Both are heavily-trafficked 60 km/h roads.
- West Lakes is a suburb with one of the highest percentage of people commuting by car, so better cycling infrastructure may reduce this car addiction.