

DUNC GRAY VELODROME

The NSW Office of Sport has announced that it will be withdrawing support for Dunc Gray Velodrome from 31 March 2025 and will hand management back to the Canterbury Bankstown Council. The Office of Sport has been contributing around \$250,000 p.a. in basic maintenance funding. Council has yet to make a decision on the future of the velodrome, but has indicated that it won't support the full cost of maintenance, estimated at \$500,000 p.a. There is a real possibility that the Council will elect to close the venue next year.

You can help keep Dunc Gray Velodrome open in 2025 and push the NSW Government to invest in a sustainable future for track cycling in the state by supporting our campaign. You can help us by emailing your state MP, NSW Ministers, and even writing a letter to your local media outlet.

We have provided some guiding steps below to make this as easy as possible. You can find more information about engaging with your MP, Ministers and the media in the AusCycling Club Advocacy Toolkit, available on our website here: <https://auscycling.org.au/clubs/club-resources/advocacy>

1. Who is my MP?

You can find out who your MP is by finding your electorate here:
<https://elections.nsw.gov.au/elections/find-my-electorate>

Click on the 'State district' name and scroll down to 'Parliamentary representation' to find your MP's name.

You can then find your MP's contact details on the NSW Parliament website here:
<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/members/Pages/all-members.aspx>

2. Which Ministers should I contact?

You can contact any Minister that you feel might take an interest in this issue. Some obvious choices include:

[The Hon Stephen Kamper MP](#)
[Minister for Sport](#)

[The Hon Chris Minns MP](#)
[Premier](#)

[The Hon Daniel Mookhey MLC](#)
[Treasurer](#)

Most Ministers direct contact through an online form rather than an email address, which are linked above. Contact details for other Ministers can be found here:
<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/members/pages/ministers.aspx>

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3. What should I say?

You will need to follow some simple principles to ensure your message is received and prompts action.

- Be clear about why you are contacting your MP. You can refer to the key messages below in your email, but please note the next point.
- **It is critical that you use your own words to talk about how this issue affects you and why you care.** MPs receive a lot of campaign mail (identical form letters and emails) and if you just cut and paste some standard text, it will be ignored. Your email doesn't need to be lengthy or polished prose, but it does need to be personal.
- Talk about your experiences at the velodrome and how closure of the velodrome would affect you and/or your family.
- Ask for action. It is important to ask your MP to do something for you – two good options for MPs are raising this issue with the Minister for Sport on your behalf and agreeing to meet with you to discuss the issue further.

If you have already sent an email, you can follow-up with a phone call to the MP's electorate office. Be polite to the MP's staff (it's a tough job) but be persistent in asking for a response to your email, ask for the MP's views on this issue, and ask for a meeting with the MP to discuss it further.

If you have already done all of the above, you can still help by asking friends, family and other club members to take similar action. Track Cycling is not a large sport and so we need every voice we can muster.

4. Letters to the editor

This issue has already received some media attention in [Nine](#), [Sydney Morning Herald](#), [Daily Telegraph](#), and coverage on Nine Sydney TV news and ABC Sydney radio.

You can help keep this issue in the media by submitting a letter to the editor at letters@smh.com.au. It is worth reading their tips on letters here: <https://www.smh.com.au/letters-tips>

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Key messages:

- The NSW Government has announced it will abandon Dunc Gray Velodrome and cease providing any support for its ongoing maintenance and operation next year. It currently provides around \$250,000 in basic maintenance.
- Expecting a council and its local ratepayers to support an Olympic venue that is used by riders from all over the state is unreasonable and not something expected in any other sport in NSW.
- Dunc Gray Velodrome is the only indoor velodrome in NSW and if it closes, NSW will be the only state in Australia without such a facility.
- With a home Olympic Games just eight years away, loss of Dunc Gray Velodrome would be devastating for junior riders who are aspiring to represent their country at the Olympics in front of a home crowd.
- Loss of the velodrome would also have a serious impact on riders of all ages who regularly meet at the velodrome to train and compete.
- AusCycling is asking for certainty that the velodrome will stay open in the short term and agreement that the NSW Government will engage with AusCycling and the City of Canterbury Bankstown in a sensible discussion about the venue and a sustainable future for track cycling in NSW.