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Steven Martin
Northern Rivers Rail Trail Inc
Bangalow

Dear Steve,

As the head of Go! Alliance and former CEO of Bicycle NSW, I heartily endorse the efforts of your group to create a rail trail in the Northern Rivers area.

I have worked for years to help develop rail trails in NSW as a way to enhance rural and country area economic activity; promote tourism; create wonderful recreation opportunities and to enhance the ability for communities to be better linked. Rail trails are well known throughout Victoria, the UK, the USA and Europe to be hugely beneficial to the areas they serve.

The Northern Rivers area is of course one of the most beautiful areas of NSW and the opportunity to open it in such a low-impact and cost-effective way is not to be missed or delayed.

Go! Alliance promotes all forms of transport and mobility options and has worked with Rail Trails Australia to identify both rail trail opportunities and the means by which rail trails can be a reality on state owned corridors. The effort so far has been stymied and I hope your efforts and the backing you are gaining will help to find a solution to the impasse and help us create rail trails on disused tracks through some of NSW's regional areas.

If there is anything I can do to further support your effort, please do not hesitate to ask!

Sincerely,

Omar Khalifa
Co-Founder Go! Alliance

