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Clover Moore's Bicycle Utopia Becomes a Death Trap for Retailers and Cyclists

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A peak national industry body, the **United Retail Federation**, has called on Sydney Lord Mayor Clover Moore to "come clean" on the detail of future cycleway constructions that have previously been a disaster for the surrounding retailers and small businesses.

Scott Driscoll, National President of the **United Retail Federation**, which has represented the interests of independent retailers in Australia for over 120 years, has said that there was great uncertainty surrounding construction of the remaining areas of the cycle way and branded it as "Clover Moore's bike trail fantasy".

"Lord Mayor Clover Moore's plan for a bicycle utopia has been a costly and unmitigated disaster so far that has done nothing for the people of Sydney apart from destroy businesses and jobs," Mr Driscoll said.

"Cyclists will tell you that much of the network is a death circuit and many retailers certainly know it has been a death warrant for their business.

"Our members have already lost huge amounts of business in the Bourke Street construction phases and continues to negatively affect their business. The so called consultation phases have been nothing short of a bad joke of "Yes Minister" proportions.

"There is also great uncertainty for businesses surrounding construction timetables and around areas like St Johns Road where electrical upgrades are to be completed and now the project seems to be on hold.

"Lord Mayor Clover Moore needs to come clean on the future construction of the network and review the entire project as it will continue to be a complete disaster if allowed to proceed as it has," Mr Driscoll said.

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