



Building bridges: Marrickville Greens councillor Peter Olive is calling on Marrickville and Canterbury councils and the NSW Government to commit to the construction of a pedestrian bridge to improve Cooks River accessibility.

Bridge to safety

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IMPROVEMENTS along the Cooks River have seen an increase in the use of its banks and at the same time, illuminated South Marrickville's lack of safe accessibility to parklands and paths.

A campaign and online petition, led by Marrickville Greens councillor Peter Olive, is calling on Marrickville and Canterbury councils and the NSW Government to commit to the construction of a pedestrian bridge to improve

Cooks River accessibility.

Cr Olive will bring a motion before Marrickville Council calling for a report into two bridge options on the Cooks River: one attached to the north-western side of Unwins Bridge in Tempe and another below Warren Park in Marrickville.

"If successful, my motion will be sent to the relevant State Ministers, Shadow Ministers and Party spokespersons to get a commitment from them to support this campaign prior to the State Elec-

tion next March," Cr Olive said.

Tempe resident Henry Mulholland said he and his family were in full support of the suggested pedestrian bridge.

"We think this is an excellent idea," Mr Mulholland said.

"As a model, we like the existing wooden bridge at the Marrickville golf course - it brings enormous charm to its vicinity and is arterial in the activities of so many residents and visitors."

Cr Olive has called on councils and communities on both sides of

the river to "come together to make a safer river crossing a reality".

This call has been answered by Canterbury Greens councillor Linda Eisler.

"We have fabulous parks for walking and cycling, and an on-the-spot train station, yet accessing all is made unsafe and difficult," Cr Eisler said.

"Isn't it time this was remedied by the State Government?"

To sign the online petition, visit gopetition.com/petition/40571.html.