

Moreland Bicycle User Group - Wills Federal Candidates Survey 2016

The Moreland Bicycle User Group (BUG) is conducting a survey of candidates for Wills in the 2016 federal election to inform members of candidates' attitudes to cycling.

The survey should take no more than 5 minutes.

Your name *

Ash Blackwell

Your party affiliation (or Independent) *

Drug Law Reform Australia

How often do you ride a bicycle? *

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Occasionally
- Rarely
- Never
- Other: I did ride every day until I got hit by a car

Road safety, environmental sustainability, greenhouse emissions and public health & obesity are important public policy issues which are influenced by decisions you will make if you are elected. Do you see bicycle riding helping to solve any of these problems? *

- Unrelated

- Some
- Significant part of the solution
- Other:

Do you think that the best solution to road traffic congestion is: *

- Building more roads
- Providing sustainable transport options such as public transport and safer cycling that take cars off the road
- Other:

Will you commit to a Bike Fund that provides at least \$240 million per year for bicycle infrastructure around Australia? (See link in email for background information.) *

- Yes
- No
- Other: I cannot make that commitment on behalf of the party

Will you commit to ensuring that bike infrastructure is provided as part of all federally funded transport projects? *

- Yes
- No
- Other: As a cyclist who has been stuck by a car it is personal significance to me but I cannot make that commitment on behalf of the party.

Will you commit to funding preventative health programs that specifically target physical inactivity? *

- Yes
- No

Other: We believe that a reallocation of funding in Drug Policy will be of significant benefit to programs that benefit health and well being

Are you aware of major bike infrastructure in Wills that could be completed with the assistance of federal funds?

Upfield Shared Path (along Upfield railway corridor)

Craigieburn Shared Path (along railway corridor)

Bicycle safety improvements on Sydney Road

Beavers Road Bridge (across Merri Creek in Brunswick)

Other: I was hit by a car that ran a red light while travelling the Upfield bike path. Cycling infrastructure is important to me.

Where do you see the role of cycling in Wills in four years and what would your contribution to that be? [Don't forget to press "Submit" when you have finished. Thanks]

Over the course of 12 months myself and 6 other friends around the areas of Wills and Batman were car-doored or struck by cars. I think that the congestion problems, particularly in the southern parts of Wills will encourage more people to cycle, but this will be balanced by caution around safety issues which is where infrastructure improvements will be essentially to help allow these people to cycle safely.

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