

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 *

Peter Khalil
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Your party affiliation (or Independent) *

Australian Labor party
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How often do you ride a bicycle? *

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Occasionally
- Rarely
- Never
- Other:

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 will need to discuss with shadow Treasurer to determine if we have the ability to fund above

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

- Yes
- No
- Other:

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

- Yes
- No
- Other:

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:

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]

It's no secret that an increasing number of Australians, are using bicycles or walking to avoid traffic jams and improve their health. I certainly appreciate the importance of bicycle infrastructure to the cycling community in Wills and beyond.

To facilitate this, a Shorten Labor Government will require Infrastructure Australia to consider the inclusion of active transport infrastructure, like cycling and walking tracks, as part of new road and rail projects.

If we can make it easier for people to leave their cars at home by incorporating provision for active transport, the community gets a triple pay-off – less congestion, a better road system and the positive health outcomes that come with people walking or cycling to work.

In the same way, when a State Government builds a new train line, it should design stations that include secure places for commuters to leave their bicycles, such as has been done at the new Regional Rail Link stations at Tarneit and Wyndham Vale in outer Melbourne, which were funded by the former Labor Government.

A Shorten Labor Government will provide \$1.25 million over 5 years to the Australian Bicycle Council to ensure the ongoing development of a national cycling strategy.

The former Labor Government funded the Council in 2011 so it could develop the 2011-2016 National Cycling Strategy, in consultation with Australia's Transport Ministers and other interest groups.

With funding set to end in December this year, the Turnbull Government is jeopardising the development of this active transport policy by refusing to commit to any additional funding.

In contrast, Labor understands that our cities face challenges of increased congestion, which is why we will prioritise the cycling strategy. Cycling in and through Wills as people commute to work and utilise cycling as a viable and safe form of transport will be critical to sustainable environment and lifestyle in Wills and beyond. I will if elected work hard to try and secure funding for Bike infrastructure in the electorate.

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