

# 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 \*

Samantha Ratnam  
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Your party affiliation (or Independent) \*

Australian Greens  
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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: .....

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]**

Wills is a great place to live and for cycling. I see cycling having a bright future in Wills. Cycling is a critical part of a sustainable transport future. I know many residents in Wills, like me, commute on their bike. We have some of the highest commuter bike use in the country. I have released a Transport for Wills policy which includes a specific commitment to complete the Upfield Shared Path. This project along with others will be funded from the Greens' Active Transport Fund worth \$250 million annually for cycling infrastructure. We want to see as many separated bike paths for cyclists to improve safety. We also want to see the East-West bike connections strengthened. Investing in cycling and walking is a smart, cost-effective way to reduce traffic congestion and pollution. We can improve everyone's health and wellbeing by making it safer and easier to ride and walk. Our Transport policy for Wills is on my website at <http://samantharatnam.com/2016/06/21/transport/>. The Greens' national plan for cycling can be read at <http://greens.org.au/bike-plan>

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