

Moreland Bicycle User Group - Northern Metropolitan Region Candidates Survey, Victorian State Election 2018

Moreland Bicycle User Group (BUG) is conducting a survey of candidates for the Legislative Council Northern Metropolitan Region in the 2018 Victorian State election to inform members of candidates' attitudes to cycling.

The survey should take no more than 10 minutes and your responses can contain links to relevant election policies.

Your name *

Sue Bolton, Stephen Jolly, Colleen Bolger

Your party affiliation (or Independent) *

Victorian Socialists

How often do you ride a bicycle? *

☐ Daily or most days

☒ Weekly

☐ Monthly

☐ Occasionally

☐ Rarely

☐ Never

☐ Other:

What will you do to ensure that there are significant improvements for sustainable/active transport as part of the Level Crossing Removal projects (as required by the Transport Integration Act)?

We will advocated for an expansion of cycling infrastructure as part of level crossing removal and argue against any level crossing removal plans that make cycling more difficult. Two level crossing removals (Camp Road Campbelfield & Buckley St Essendon have made cycling more difficult

What will you do to support the Northern Trails Strategy? See <https://www.northerntrails.melbourne>

We certainly support building the missing links in the bicycle network. We want to see the Upfield Bike Path extended to Upfield which includes the building of the missing link between Box Forest Rd & the western ring road, and for the path to extend across the ring road to link with the bike path on the other side of Camp Road. We want to see the completion of the bike path along the Craigieburn Line. We support the Northern Trails strategy of linking up the pre-existing bike paths, as well as creating new bike paths.

Do you think that separated or protected bike lanes should be installed when accessible tram stops are built in Sydney Rd, Nicholson St, Lygon St and Grantham St/Melville Rd? See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cycle_track

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Other:

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

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Other:

Will you commit to a Bike Fund that provides at least \$126 million per year for bicycle infrastructure in Victoria?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Other:

What is your perception of bicycle safety in Victoria? *

- ☐ About right
- ☒ Not very safe
- ☐ Very unsafe
- ☐ 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? *

- ☐ Bicycle riding won't help solve these problems
- ☒ Bicycle riding will help solve some of these problems
- ☐ Bicycle riding is a 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:

What is the most appropriate traffic speed for our local streets to ensure safety for all users? *

- ☐ 30 km/h
- ☒ 40 km/h
- ☐ 50 km/h
- ☐ 60 km/h
- ☐ Other:

What will you do over the next four years to improve cycling in Victoria?
Thanks for your participation! Don't forget to press "SUBMIT" when you have finished. *

We will advocate for an extension of the bike path network, in particular for building the missing links in bike paths and linking up bike paths going north-south with paths going east-west. The Upfield bike path needs to be expanded and/or a second north-south bike path opened up. The Upfield bike path is overcrowded and will become much more congested at peak hour once the 17 high rise towers at Pentridge are built. This overcrowding and congestion makes the path less safe for cyclists and pedestrians and pushes more cyclists onto Sydney Road.

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