

Wills Candidates Survey 2022

Moreland Bicycle User Group (Moreland BUG) is a non-profit organisation run by volunteers advocating for safer conditions for people riding bicycles in Moreland and beyond. Each election we survey candidates on their commitment to issues affecting people as they get around by bike so that our members and the wider community can make an informed decision when they vote.

Your name *

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Three Transport Priorities

The next three transport priorities were prepared by the Australasian Society for Physical Activity, in partnership with WeRide Australia and an alliance of public health, transport and climate organisations (see www.weride.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Final-Document_Three-Transport-Priorities-webversion.pdf)

Do you support lower default urban speed limits in residential areas, shopping streets and school zones? *

Yes

No

Other:

Do you support 1500m Safe Routes to School including footpaths, pedestrian priority crossings, and 'no drop off' zones?

Yes

No

Other:

Do you support a purchase subsidy of up to \$1000 for people purchasing an e-bike for riding to work [and for getting themselves and their families to where they need to be]?

Yes

No

Other:

Possibly. I would need to weigh up if this was the best use of available budget. For example, subsidising the cost of push bikes (as opposed to e-bikes) might be more effective in getting more people into active transport given push bikes are much cheaper.
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Five commitments to support a bike future

The next five commitments are in the Bicycle Network Federal Election Policy Paper (see s23705.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/BN_Federal_Election_Policy_Paper_Mar_22.pdf)

Do you support having an Active Transport budget?

Yes

No

Other:

Do you support having mandatory requirements that all federally funded transport projects must provide infrastructure and facilities for active travel?

Yes

No

Other:

Do you support allocating \$20m per fiscal year for behaviour change programs that provide young people with bike education, safety training, and skill development?

Yes

No

Other:

Perhaps. I would need to consider if this was the most efficient use of available budget. I would first like to look at what the evidence shows is holding back people doing more active travel - perhaps we should focus funding more on bike safety rather than behaviour change programs.

Do you support Introducing a national bike subsidy scheme, offering a 30 per cent rebate for bikes, e-bikes or cargo bikes that are purchased for work transport purposes [and for getting themselves and their families to where they need to be]?

Yes

No

Other:

Perhaps. Again I would need to consider the pros and cons. In principle, I am very supportive of active travel but there are many ways we can support it and I would want to carefully consider these issues before committing budget one way or another.

Do you support matching the European Union's General Safety Regulation (GSR) for vehicle safety requirements?

Yes

No

Other:

Your vision

What are your aspirations for people who want to ride in Wills over the next four years and what will your contribution to that be? [Don't forget to press "Submit" when you have finished. Thanks]

I hope for a safer, more welcoming street environment for cyclists in Wills. Cycling is better for people's health and the environment and should be supported - alongside support for fast, reliable, affordable public transport as an alternative for people who are unable to ride for whatever reason and/or need to travel further from home e.g. for work. If elected, I will support active travel wherever possible. If not elected, I will continue to advocate as a citizen for better support for active travel.

