

Merri-bek Streets People Love Candidate Pledge and Survey

Streets People Love is a campaign supporting and promoting the efforts of local government to create safe and pleasant streets for people to live, work, play and move in. Campaign members are community groups representing residents around Victoria. Walk on Merri-bek and Merri-bek Bicycle User Group are campaign members.

We're asking 2024 Merri-bek Council election candidates to commit to delivering streets people love and to start by signing this pledge and taking our survey. Responses to these will be used help generate candidate scorecards. You can find out more about the campaign at [Streets People Love](#)

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In which Ward in Merri-bek are you standing? *

Harmony Park

Are you aligned with a political party and if so which one? *

- ☒ Victorian Labor Party
- ☐ Australian Greens
- ☐ Victorian Socialists
- ☐ Socialist Alliance
- ☐ Other
- ☐ No, I'm an independent

Pledge: If elected Councillor, I pledge to allocate budget and street space to build streets people love, and ensure that residents of all ages and abilities can safely move around our council area, irrespective of whether they choose to walk, cycle, wheel, use public transport or drive. *

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Increasing greenery, including tree planting and pocket park projects, not only makes our streets more pleasant for residents to use but helps cool neighbourhoods and provides resting spaces for those moving around by foot, scooter, bicycle, wheeled devices and public transport. Do you support Council finding more outdoor space to plant trees and understory even when it means re-allocating road space? *

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Research has clearly established that vehicle speed is a key factor in road trauma. Higher speeds result in more crashes as well as increasing crash severity. Lower traffic speeds contribute to more walking, cycling and wheeling and general use of the streets, resulting in physical and mental health benefits as well as improved social cohesion, personal safety and equality. *

Do you support and will you advocate for resumption of Council's trial of 30kph zones in Merri-bek?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Increasingly, arterial road traffic is being diverted onto the local streets that residents use to move, socialise and build community. *

Do you support modal filtering (road design that allows for specific modes of traffic), lower speed limits and other measures to preserve these streets for residents to live, work, play and move around?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Public Transport is an important part of transport accessibility and needs to be frequent and reliable to provide a real option for residents. As a Councillor will you support the Northern Council's Alliance's call for the duplication and extension of the Upfield Rail Line and an improved, fast, frequent and connected grid of electric buses? *

☒ Yes

☐ No

Protected bike lanes provide a space for residents to move around by bicycle, scooter and mobility device. They provide an important transport option to many residents including the many in our communities who can't independently travel by car. *

Will you support building quality protected bike lanes in Merri-bek even when it means re-allocating road space during your term on Council?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Equitable access to the tram network is compromised by the lack of accessible tram stops throughout Melbourne. This impacts some of the most vulnerable people in our communities. Do you support advocacy to the State Government for accessible tram stops to be built along Sydney Road, Melville Road and Grantham Street, and Lygon, Holmes and Nicholson Streets? *

☒ Yes

☐ No

Do you support reallocating road space in activity centres to build raised crossings and wider footpaths, install seating and create sociable spaces to make it safer, easier and more pleasant for residents and visitors to move around these areas? *

☒ Yes

☐ No

Thank you for taking part in the Merri-bek Streets People Love Campaign. A copy of your responses will be emailed to the address you provided. Council election candidate scorecards will be generated from a combination of responses to surveys, commitment to the pledge and feedback from campaign members in your LGA.

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