



**James Garriock**

### **Short statement**

You might have met me commuting, wave leading Peaks Challenge, racing, or volunteering on GVBR/ATB. However I'm also a qualified company director and Leadership Victoria graduate. My advocacy has been on Darebin-Yarra link and Chandler Highway. Please vote for Prita and me to prioritise minimum passing distance legislation in Victoria.

### **Motivation to stand for the Bicycle Network Board, including what you will bring to the Board if you are elected.**

Prita and I are similarly motivated, so we are standing together and would appreciate your two votes.

#### Motivation:

- From my six years of volunteer experience with BN, I observe that the organisation is well governed and well run. It does not need seismic change. However it will always need passionate, qualified and reasonable directors. My motivation is to set direction, support the management team and monitor risks, not to fanatically push any particular barrow. My aim would be to serve all current and future members, including with a national lens.
- Nevertheless, there are policy areas where I'd encourage BN to be more active:
  - An unrelenting focus on getting minimum passing laws through the Victorian parliament in this term of government
  - Financial incentives for people who ride their bikes to work, like cyclescheme in the UK
  - Compulsory vehicle third party insurance schemes should be extended to people riding bikes
  - Better regulation of overpowered e-bikes
  - Continued advocacy for the de-stigmatisation of people who ride a bike, so that we can all be safe together

#### What I'll bring:

- I'm a professional stakeholder researcher. For 16 years I've used surveys, focus groups, interviews and a range of other techniques to understand what members, employees, customers and other stakeholders want; and I'll bring a member lens to everything I do at Bike Network.
- I'm also an AICD graduate, a Leadership Victoria alumnus and a company director with 13 years of experience on multiple boards including a member organisation, the Melbourne Forum.
- I have experience as an advocate, working with organisations like Vicroads on the Darebin-Yarra link (only for the last five years of the saga) and the design of the Chandler Highway project. I've also worked alongside the Level



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Crossing Replacement Project (Grange Rd) and on the City of Yarra Bike Advisory committee.

- As a rider I also bring a lot of experience with and empathy for people who ride bikes. From riding to school with my kids to racing, bikepacking, gravel riding, commuting, mountain biking and more, I appreciate the needs of the many wonderful groups of people who ride.