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Short statement

As a keen cyclist for 40+ years, I've come to appreciate the important societal, environmental and physical/mental health benefits of this great activity.

Bicycling

Network is a vital organisation and through my corporate experience, HR expertise

and cycling passion, I believe I can be a strong contributor to the Board.

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

Since my early teens I have been an active cyclist as a commuter, amateur competitor, event participant, social and solo rider. In each case, I've appreciated the

personal physical and mental health benefits of cycling and the broader societal and

environmental advantages that an active cycling community brings. Australian society has progressed significantly over the last decade or so in how cycling is

regarded, promoted and facilitated. However, having lived and travelled overseas, I

can see that there is much more to be achieved in Australia to enable a safe and

inclusive environment for cyclists of all ages, capabilities and diversities.

I strongly believe that an actively supported cycling community brings innumerable

benefits for individuals, the economy, environment and society in general. This will

become increasingly critical as Australia's urban based population continues to grow.

The Bicycling Network is the prime advocate in this space, and I believe I can make a

valuable contribution to the Board, through my:

- 30+ years' experience in large corporations, internationally and locally, as a Human Resources specialist emphasizing the pivotal role that engaged, healthy and capable people are to an organisation's success. Working closely with leaders to set and guide the people strategies for the organisation
- Leadership of large, diverse and geographically dispersed teams
- Previous Superannuation Fund Board directorship and Australian Institute of Company Directors Graduate membership (GAICD) - delivering the essential governance oversight required of a Board member
- Passion for cycling in all its guises and past participation in Bicycling Network

and numerous other cycling events