

How have you supported and promoted bicycling for transport in the past?

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| Braddon | Greens | Philip Nicholas | I was one of the founding members of Pedal Power, which was formed in the late 1970's in Hobart. I worked on the newsletter and led many recreational rides. The bicycle was my principal means of transport until I was about 28, with public transport also important. I had a trailer built to tow behind my bicycle. I don't cycle much now, but the energy saving potential of the bicycle is still huge. My son is currently working on a bicycle made of bamboo and recyclable parts. |
| Braddon | PUP | Stephen Green | As an elected member of the Burnie City Council I have supported the construction of the cycle ways already in place? I have my own bicycle, using it when opportunity allows |
| Denison | Greens | Alan Whykes | I have been a commuter cyclist for a long time and for the last 20 years would have travelled further by bicycle than I have driven. I report bicycle blackspots and have made requests for bicycle infrastructure to local, state and federal representatives. Currently I am a committee member of Bicycle Tasmania and am fully supportive of the BT plan to promote cycling in Tasmania. |
| Denison | Independent | Lucas Noyes | I frequently cycle all up and down the bike track as my primary means of transport, I also operate my business from the back of my bicycle. My election campaign is 100% on foot, bicycle or bus as I believe strongly in public transport and good old fashioned bike and foot power. Last year I promoted several cycling events through facebook campaigns, even donating my time to assisting improving their online flyer quality. |
| Denison | Independent | Hans Willink | Yes, see response to questionnaire at legco election May 2013, prior to which I initiated a petition to develop children cycle tracks in the Acton Park and Lauderdale Primary school areas. These tracks have now been built. |
| Denison | Labor | Scott Bacon | I have donated bicycles to schools for prizes and awards as I believe it is a good message to promote healthy active lives for young children. |
| Denison | PUP | Mark Grube | I'm new to politics. I have promoted cycling for transport only by doing it: commuting both in Launceston and in Hobart, and shopping in Kingston (Tas) and in Redcliffe (Qld) |

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| Denison | Socialist Alliance | Shaine Stephen | Yes. Socialist Alliance understands that our current transport system is too heavily weighted towards motor vehicles, the most costly & inefficient form of transport there is. |
| Franklin | Labor | Heather Chong | I am a member of Bicycling Tasmania and have helped out at rides. I have also assisted in bike counts and cycle (mostly for pleasure) whenever I get chance . |

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| Franklin | Labor | David O'Byrne | <p>The Labor Party takes road safety very seriously and is committed to protecting all road users, particularly those most vulnerable on our roads, such as bike riders. With more Tasmanians cycling as a healthy alternative transport option, we need to ensure our road environment is safe for all road users. I support a minimum one-metre clearance when motor vehicles overtake bike riders and a re-elected a Labor government will conduct a trial mandating a minimum passing distance of one metre by drivers when overtaking bike riders, similar to the trial that is planned in Queensland. Improving protection for vulnerable road users and creating a better shared understanding of what is the right behaviour to use on the road is a priority for Labor. I believe that through public education we can positively influence road user behaviour. As the Minister responsible for road safety I have asked the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources to develop, as a priority, a Tasmanian based education and awareness campaign, building on similar campaigns developed in other jurisdictions. I have asked the Road Safety Advisory Council to form a new Cycling Safety Steering Committee to provide advice on prioritisation of a suite of initiatives to address issues around cycling safety, including education, infrastructure, communication of road rules, a minimum passing distance trial and campaign and penalties. The Committee will not only include cycling organisations like Tasmanian Bicycle Council, Cycling Tasmania and the Amy Gillett Foundation, but also include motor vehicle user groups and Tasmania Police. As Minister for Infrastructure I ensure that money spent on building new roads, safety improvements and road maintenance also benefits cyclists, for example shoulder sealing and lane widening. Any new infrastructure or major upgrades of existing roads have taken into account cyclists' needs. For example both the Kingston and Brighton bypasses include separated cycle paths, as well as wide sealed shoulders. I have introduced the Vulnerable Road User Program, where local councils are asked to submit applications for funding to provide better infrastructure on council roads specifically aimed at improving safety for vulnerable road users, including cyclists. Tasmanian Labor is committed to providing the funding for this program of \$1.5 million over the next two years, and \$500,000 a year thereafter, through the Tasmanian Road Safety Levy.</p> |
| Franklin | Liberals | Sue Bastone | <p>I have been a bicycle rider both in Singapore and in Indonesia, where the area I lived in was flatter.</p> |

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| Franklin | Liberals | Will Hodgman | The benefits of cycling are well known - not only does it provide an excellent opportunity for exercise and the accompanying health and wellbeing benefits, but it also helps ease congestion on our roads, is an inexpensive and accessible way for Tasmanians to travel, and provides great opportunities for recreation and enjoyment of our towns, cities and natural environment. We recognise that the right to safe usage on our roads is shared equally by motorists, motorcyclists and cyclists. It is crucial that all three groups are committed to each other's safety — a “them versus us” culture is unhelpful. To this end, if elected, we have committed to task the Road Safety Advisory Council to design a strong marketing campaign based on Sharing the Road principles which will promote stronger respect, and care between all road users. And we have also committed to refer the One Metre Rule legislative proposal put forward by the State Government to better protect cyclists to the Road Safety Advisory Council with the recommendation that a trial be considered if deemed to be practical, having regard to the specific nature of the Tasmanian road network. New signage will also be developed for those Tasmanian roads popular with cyclists to warn motorists of heavy cyclist use in those areas This will be funded from the Road Safety levy. |
| Franklin | PUP | John Peers | yes |
| Lyons | Greens | Hannah Rubenach | I have supported the inclusion of multi-user tracks in plans prepared/being prepared by my council (I am a councillor on Break O'Day Council). I have also referred to the need for alternate transport options and infrastructure (such as suitable multi-user tracks) in submissions I have been involved in for community organisations I volunteer for. |
| Lyons | Independent | Paul Belcher | I haven't |
| Lyons | Labor | Bob Gordon | I am a bike rider and my company ,Forestry Tasmania, has participated in ride to work days regularly, winning our category.I have also been in Sally's Ride on several occasions.As CEO we provided storage and shower facilities for cyclists |
| Lyons | Nationals | Brett Hall | N/A new party in the state. |
| Lyons | PUP | Mark Grewar | yes |

Will you commit to ongoing funding to the Department of Sport and Recreation at current levels

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| Braddon | Greens | Philip Nicholas | I would certainly support the ongoing funding for Bikeways. The round numbers of the program suggest that the figures have not been carefully considered. Within budget constraints I would like to be more flexible in the higher direction. |
| Braddon | PUP | Stephen Green | Definitely, one day I would like to see a bikeway connecting most if not all our townships |
| Denison | Greens | Alan Whykes | Existing funding in this area is completely inadequate and needs to be built up over time. Trails are valuable pieces of infrasture for both local communities and tourists so it is important that strong investment is made. |
| Denison | Independent | Lucas Noyes | I would hold the balance of power in parliament if elected and would certainly be more willing to support a government that would commit to increased funding for Trails and Bikeways program as well as similar sport and recreation cycling funding. Getting people moving and keeping them moving in a healthy and sustainable manner is key to a modern low carbon impact transport system and public health. |
| Denison | Independent | Hans Willink | No. The Government is facing a budget crisis. All expenditure should be under review |
| Denison | Labor | Scott Bacon | Higher levels whent the Budget positions allows. |
| Denison | PUP | Mark Grube | I can't make a firm commitment to specific funding proposals until I've seen the true shape of the government's finances after March 15. I support funding cycling as part of improvements to local transport. |
| Denison | Socialist Alliance | Shaine Stephen | Yes. Socialist Alliance is committed to providing ongoing funding to the department of sports & recreation. We would like to see funding increased to encourage more cycle tracks to be built & encourage more people to use cycle ways as a means of commuting in our larger cities & towns. |
| Franklin | Labor | Heather Chong | I fully support the Minister's commitment to the Trails and Bikeways Program |

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| Franklin | Labor | David O'Byrne | <p>Since its inception in 2008-09, the Trails and Bikeways Program has leveraged around \$13 million worth of development projects across Tasmania, resulting in more than 150 kilometres of tracks.</p> <p>As well as providing positive economic outcomes, the Trails and Bikeways Program is helping Tasmanians participate in sport, recreation and physical activity.</p> <p>If re-elected to Government the Labor Party is committed to the ongoing funding of this program, including \$500,000 for 2014-15.</p> |
| Franklin | Liberals | Sue Bastone | I am all in favour of trails and bike paths away from traffic |
| Franklin | Liberals | Will Hodgman | <p>We recognise that increasing the uptake of cycling will provide health and wellbeing benefits to cyclists, reduce traffic congestion, provide Tasmanians with an accessible and affordable way to get around as well as opportunities for recreation. Today, we could not commit to increased financial support for greater funding beyond what has been allocated over the forward estimates. However, with a growing economy and fiscal discipline, we can commit to consulting with Bicycle Tasmania into the future to progress the issue of greater assistance.</p> |
| Franklin | PUP | John Peers | definitely yes |
| Lyons | Greens | Hannah Rubenach | <p>I will commit to ongoing funding for the Trails and Bikeways program - I believe the funding level should be increased initially to ensure as many councils and groups around Tasmania have access to sufficient funding and that quality and functional trails are developed or upgraded. I see huge potential for preventative health outcomes from this type of government spending. Additionally, it will put Tasmania in a better position to manage future peak oil risks.</p> |
| Lyons | Independent | Paul Belcher | Yes |
| Lyons | Labor | Bob Gordon | |
| Lyons | Nationals | Brett Hall | <p>Health is one of the largest expenditure items for the Government. Encouraging people to be fit and healthy is a much better investment. Prevention is far better than cure, so I would support the funding.</p> |
| Lyons | PUP | Mark Grewar | yes |

Will you commit to a NEW allocation of \$30 M pa to the PUCN program?

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| Braddon | Greens | Philip Nicholas | This would be fantastic. I have cycled on some of the bike paths in Norway. They are well designed for commuting by bicycle, with bridges at intersections etc. Perth (Aus) also has spent real money on their cycle infratsructure, and it is designed for the speeds cyclists reach. |
| Braddon | PUP | Stephen Green | Committing funds to any project without full knowledge of our States financial status only leads to future disappointment through false unsustainable promises. I will not commit to any project that may and most probably will be unachievable due to budget restrictions. |
| Denison | Greens | Alan Whykes | Yes. We need a concrete time frame for roll-out of the PUCN including funding allocation. |
| Denison | Independent | Lucas Noyes | I would commit in principal as the idea is sound. However \$30M is a lot of money and it will be hard to find it in the current economic climate. |
| Denison | Independent | Hans Willink | No, See a response to last question |
| Denison | Labor | Scott Bacon | No |
| Denison | PUP | Mark Grube | Same answer as last question: can't commit to specific funding, but like the idea. |
| Denison | Socialist Alliance | Shaine Stephen | Yes |
| Franklin | Labor | Heather Chong | Support the in-principle support - funding would have to be dependent on budget capacity |

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| Franklin | Labor | David O'Byrne | <p>As part of the implementation of the Tasmanian Walking and Cycling for Active Transport Strategy the Government has worked with local government, educational establishments, bicycle user groups and community organisations to identify Principal (transport-oriented) Urban Cycling Networks for the Launceston, Hobart and Burnie/Devonport urban areas. The Government committed over \$1 million for the planning and design on the implementation of some key Principal Urban Cycling Networks routes. The Government has also implemented a Positive Provision Policy for Cycling Infrastructure which ensures that the needs of bike riders are considered at the start of the planning and design process for road infrastructure upgrades and in the development of maintenance contracts.</p> <p>Under the recently announced Community Roads 2 Program the Labor Party has committed \$2.1 million to upgrade 7 kilometres of the West Tamar Highway roadside cycling infrastructure from Trevallyn to Riverside (3.5 kilometres each way). This is identified as a priority project under the Principal Urban Cycling Network.</p> <p>Under the same program Tasmanian Labor has also committed \$500,000 to the construction of a further 700m bicycle lane on the Bonnet Hill section of the Channel Highway between Taroona and Kingston. This is also recognised as a priority project and an integral link in the Southern Principal Urban Cycling Network.</p> <p>A number of other projects under Labor's second round of the successful \$110 Community Roads Program will assist to improve safety for all vehicles, including bicycles, travelling on these roads.</p> |
| Franklin | Liberals | Sue Bastone | <p>I am unable to commit to a new allocation but I would certainly speak up for a cycling networks program</p> |

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| Franklin | Liberals | Will Hodgman | We believe that the approach taken by previous governments to encouraging cycling has been ad-hoc. Although some bike focused infrastructure has been developed, there is no consistent, forward thinking approach for developing suitable infrastructure, which will facilitate and encourage more Tasmanians to take up and enjoy cycling. We recognise that this largely disjointed network of bike friendly infrastructure is actually discouraging a greater uptake of cycling. You may be interested to know that we have committed to create a new, independent body called Infrastructure Tasmania to manage and invest in vital infrastructure including rail, major roads, energy, ports, and water and sewerage, if elected. The creation of Infrastructure Tasmania will take the politics out of infrastructure development, with decisions made based on what's in the long-term interests of Tasmania. We cannot commit to a new allocation of \$30 million to the Principal Urban Cycling Networks program today. However, we can commit to consulting with Bicyclic Tasmania in the future to progress the provision of more bicycle infrastructure, in the context of future budgets. |
| Franklin | PUP | John Peers | need more information on where the \$30m would come from. |
| Lyons | Greens | Hannah Rubenach | Yes, I believe this will be a great investment for Tasmania. |
| Lyons | Independent | Paul Belcher | I will but not 30 m |
| Lyons | Labor | Bob Gordon | |
| Lyons | Nationals | Brett Hall | Insufficient information provided to comment. |
| Lyons | PUP | Mark Grewar | tba |

Will you support priority bicycling projects in your Electorate?

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| Braddon | Greens | Philip Nicholas | YES! |
| Braddon | PUP | Stephen Green | I have already supported the current cycle pathway & have supported proposed cycle ways on existing rail infrastructure |
| Denison | Greens | Alan Whykes | Key Denison projects I support include Battery Point, Lutana spur, Humphrey's Rivulet; it is my understanding that Kangaroo Bay is in Franklin, not Denison. Another priority is fixing the mess that has been created along Sandy Bay Rd with the installation of an inferior paint-on-road solution rather than a separated cycleway that would be more appealing to a wider range of users. |
| Denison | Independent | Lucas Noyes | Where possible always. The Battery Point Walk and Cycleway should have been built over a decade ago. It is time that we build it. This should be a priority project for any incoming government. Similarly the Intercity Cycleway extensions are urgently required and should be completed. I support many other projects across the state in principal also. The North West Coastal Pathway, Scottsdale to Tonganah link, and Derwent Valley Rail Trail are also important projects that require attention under the roads and transport funding urgently. |
| Denison | Independent | Hans Willink | Yes |
| Denison | Labor | Scott Bacon | Yes |
| Denison | PUP | Mark Grube | Usual caveat on budget/funding. In Denison; (a) Battery Point foreshore looks exciting and useful, (b) Lutana link does not seem worthwhile (maybe just to the Primary School) - the only access to the Zinc Works is on the other side of the site to the proposed spur, (c) Sandy Bay Rd to the Casino seems an excellent idea, (d) Kangaroo Bay is actually in Franklin. |
| Denison | Socialist Alliance | Shaine Stephen | yes |
| Franklin | Labor | Heather Chong | Happy to support good projects that give safer conditions to everyone on the roads |

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| Franklin | Labor | David O'Byrne | <p>The Labor Party has committed \$500,000 to the construction of a further 700m bicycle lane on the Bonnet Hill section of the Channel Highway between Tarooma and Kingston as part of the second Community Roads Program.</p> <p>The project to address gaps in the old highway from Kingston and Huntingfield (Summerleas to Algora roundabouts) is identified as a priority project under the identified Principal Urban Cycling Networks. The Government has granted \$30,000 to the Kingborough Council to complete a missing section of the Kingston Trail Network.</p> |
| Franklin | Liberals | Sue Bastone | yes |
| Franklin | Liberals | Will Hodgman | <p>We recognise the need to invest in bicycle infrastructure, both on and off road, to ensure cyclists can ride in safety and to encourage more people to take up cycling. We commend the work that your organisation has undertaken on behalf of your members to identify a range of infrastructure projects across the State that will connect existing infrastructure or major population or activity centres across the state. In consultation with the cycling community and local government, we are committed to continue to work with Bicycle Tasmania, through Infrastructure Tasmania, to identify priority projects and explore funding options to upgrade and develop suitable bicycle infrastructure, thereby bringing forward local government investment and developing an interconnected network for cyclists.</p> |
| Franklin | PUP | John Peers | where funding was available |
| Lyons | Greens | Hannah Rubenach | Yes, but I would also like to add some others (like the proposed multi-user rail trail from St Marys to Fingal), given that Lyons is such a large electorate with a dispersed and low-density population. |
| Lyons | Independent | Paul Belcher | To a degree |
| Lyons | Labor | Bob Gordon | |
| Lyons | Nationals | Brett Hall | Definitely. Proposals for trails that will link walkers and bike riders to our nature reserves and parks are very appealing to families. |
| Lyons | PUP | Mark Grewar | yes |

If elected, would you maintain funding for an annual professional development event around best

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| Braddon | Greens | Philip Nicholas | I am not sure who this professional development is aimed at, but if it is already funded, and you think it is a good idea, then I would support its continuation. |
| Braddon | PUP | Stephen Green | If elected I will support existing funding for current events & work with local government for ideas of improvement |
| Denison | Greens | Alan Whykes | Yes. It is important to educate planners, engineers, etc. about accommodation of cyclists. |
| Denison | Independent | Lucas Noyes | I would support a maintenance of current funding arrangements. |
| Denison | Independent | Hans Willink | Not necessarily |
| Denison | Labor | Scott Bacon | Yes |
| Denison | PUP | Mark Grube | (Budget/Funding) If at all possible, yes. We need well-informed decisions at all levels. |
| Denison | Socialist Alliance | Shaine Stephen | yes |
| Franklin | Labor | Heather Chong | I cannot think of any reason why not, as long as the state budget permits |
| Franklin | Labor | David O'Byrne | The Government currently provides funding to support the annual Bike Futures forum and, if re-elected to Government, the Labor Party commits to continue this funding. |
| Franklin | Liberals | Sue Bastone | I am unsure about this. I prefer ongoing professional development rather than a set annual day |
| Franklin | Liberals | Will Hodgman | Although we have not to date received any approaches in relation to an annual professional development event around best practice, and could not today commit to a new funding allocation for this purpose, we would welcome any discussions with Bicycle Tasma |
| Franklin | PUP | John Peers | Clarence council is I believe a leader in funding bicycle ways and events .In a government why would things change? Clarence has been complimented many times on its walk/bicycle pathways |
| Lyons | Greens | Hannah Rubenach | I would like some more details of what this event is - but it sounds as if it would be a worthwhile investment, so I would give in principle support. |
| Lyons | Independent | Paul Belcher | Yes |
| Lyons | Labor | Bob Gordon | |

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Any final comments...

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| Braddon | Greens | Philip Nicholas | Every time someone rides a bicycle, they are doing both themselves and the planet a favour. Tasmania's bicycle infrastructure is well below the standard of many other places even in car dominated Australia. |
| Braddon | PUP | Stephen Green | Cycling provides many different forms of exercise and competition. All participants should be able to ride safely and not be restricted by lack of facility or safety. |
| Denison | Greens | Alan Whykes | Although a BT committee member, I did not participate in framing these questions and did not look at them until I answered the survey. Your vote is very important so I encourage all supporters of cycling to use their vote wisely. Thank you. |
| Denison | Independent | Lucas Noyes | I would like to see more attention given toward encouraging children to cycle to school, and for walking and cycling to be used as a primary means of transportation where reasonable to do so. It is now very easy to cycle and walk through much of the greater Hobart region, and hopefully we can continue to improve on this and make it easier and safer for people to ride and walk. |
| Denison | Independent | Hans Willink | I am supportive of your objectives, it's just a shame we are in a budgetary mess. |
| Denison | Labor | Scott Bacon | I believe cycling is a very important policy area for the future of Tasmania, not only in regard to transport options but also for health outcomes for Tasmanians. Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the survey. |
| Denison | PUP | Mark Grube | Nope :-) |
| Denison | Socialist Alliance | Shaine Stephen | Socialist Alliance would argue that cycling does provide net benefits to our communities by encouraging exercise & reliance away from motor vehicles & should be given the priority it deserves. As we confront climate change, cycling will be a key element in how we adapt our communities to develop resilience in the face of coming change. |
| Franklin | Labor | Heather Chong | Bicycling is both an important form of transport and recreation and helps get better health outcomes for the population. Good, safe riding should be encouraged. |
| Franklin | Labor | David O'Byrne | |
| Franklin | Liberals | Sue Bastone | no |
| Franklin | Liberals | Will Hodgman | |

Any final comments...

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| Franklin | PUP | John Peers | When will cyclist have to have a bell or horn on their bike?. Yesterday I was nearly hit twice by cyclist and I was on a footpath not on a bike track . |
| Lyons | Greens | Hannah Rubenach | |
| Lyons | Independent | Paul Belcher | Be great to hear from you my number is 0424879829 |
| Lyons | Labor | Bob Gordon | |
| Lyons | Nationals | Brett Hall | Bike riding trails provide not only a great resource for the local population but also appeal to the experiential/adventure tourism market. New Zealand has been very good at attracting tourists for these types of activities and I am sure there is a niche market for this in Australia as well. |
| Lyons | PUP | Mark Grewar | |