



Derek Collins

My name is Derek Collins and I am a cyclist, father and lawyer. I believe that safe riding conditions, including improvements in road safety, will be the catalyst for more people riding bicycles more often.

I am passionate about improving the safety of bicycle riders. I ride a bicycle almost every day, including, commuting, touring, gravel riding, social road riding and the occasional race. I ride in metropolitan and regional areas. I am therefore alert to the issues faced by cyclists around the country.

I also ride bicycles with my child. I believe all children should have a safe environment to ride a bicycle. The joy of riding a bicycle should be available to everyone including children.

My passion for cycling is complemented by my experience as a senior lawyer. I have provided strategic advice to state and local governments, businesses and sporting organisations. I have significant experience in health and safety law, insurance law, and litigation. I have a deep understanding of the legal issues faced by the cycling community.

If elected to the Board, I will use my passion for cycling and professional experience as a lawyer to ensure the robust and ethical governance of the Bicycle Network for all members. If elected to the Board, I will also focus on the following:

1. Improvements in road safety, including, minimum passing distances, reduce vehicle speeds, designated cycleways and greater awareness of bicycle riders;
2. Access to cycling for all, regardless of one's age, gender, race or economic status;
3. High standard cycling infrastructure and facilities in the community;
4. Communicating the benefits of riding a bicycle including to one's health, as a healthier community is a happier community; and
5. Strong advocacy to make sure that future government policies are developed with bicycle riders in mind.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you and all other members on the Board of Bicycle Network.