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## **Bicycle Network Board Candidate Request for Information**

Candidates are asked to provide the following information.

***This information will be published on the Bicycle Network website for the duration of the election period.***

**1. Short statement, maximum of 50 words.** ( If the 50-word limit is exceeded only the first 50 words will be published.)

My vision for Bicycle Network: the peak organisation leading change towards a healthier, cleaner, greener nation of people who ride bikes. We need to change our cities so it's easier for everyone to ride, and to speak up more for the rights of all bike riders.

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

Motivation

While working for Bicycle Network on the Great Victorian Bike Ride, I saw first hand the sheer joy a day out riding brings to people, no matter what their background. I'm also a town planner by training and am passionate about cycling and its power to make our cities greener, better places to live and our people healthier. Bicycle Network performs an important role in advocating for cyclists and getting more people cycling. I am motivated to work with the board to contribute to the strategic direction of Bicycle Network's mission to get 'more people riding more often'.

I am particularly passionate about addressing the gap in numbers of men and women riding.

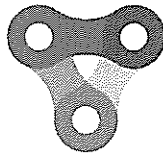
I will bring my:

- passion for cycling, advocacy and sustainable transport;
- unique organisational understanding of Bicycle Network as a previous employee
- skills in interrogating data, plus critical and strategic thinking;
- strong knowledge of government and decision-making processes;
- intimate knowledge of cycling routes and conditions across Melbourne and where things can be improved

Experience:

May 2017 – current

- Working for the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR) in the agency delivering four major infrastructure projects (Metro Tunnel, North-East Link, Western Distributor and Level



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Crossing Removal Project). I work closely with the key decision-makers and government ministers in delivering these city-shaping projects.

Mar 2016 – April 2017

- As the Super Counts Coordinator for Bicycle Network, I managed 1600 volunteers and 100 councils across Australia in collecting vital data for councils to build more bike lanes.

May 2013 – March 2015

- Founded Students Linking Melbourne Sustainably, a transport advocacy organisation promoting sustainable transport in Melbourne, leading 300 students and academics from Melbourne and RMIT universities.

Other

- Completed my Masters in Urban Planning at Melbourne University, specialising in sustainable transport and development
- Moreland BUG member
- Worked on numerous Bicycle Network events (Around the Bay, Ride the Night, Tour de Depot (Mildura), Peaks Challenge Falls Creek, and the Great Victoria Bike Ride)
- Experience in public, private and not-for-profit sectors

### 3. Previous Experience on Boards / Committees (list up to 4)

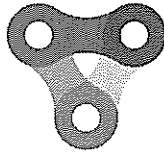
Organisation	Position held	Duration of tenure	Brief description of the organisation
Victorian Young Planners Committee	Professional Development Coordinator	2014-15	Planning industry's representative body for young planners in the industry
Students Linking Melbourne Sustainably	Founder	2013-15	Student-led, sustainable transport advocacy organisation
Melbourne University Planning Student Society	Industry and Education Officer	2013-15	Student representative and advocacy body

### 4. Board governance qualifications and experience or any other relevant qualifications and experience

- Refer to sections 2 and 3.

### 5. Previous experience in setting and guiding an organisation's strategic direction.

- As the Founder of Students Linking Melbourne Sustainably, I was responsible for leading the strategic direction of the organisation, as well as establishing networks with other organisations and individuals to effect change.



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- I have also contributed to the strategic direction of the Melbourne University Planning Student Society and the Victorian Young Planners committee in my industry liaison positions with these bodies.

### **6. Current employment – organisation, job title**

- Briefing and Reporting Coordinator – Office of the Coordinator General, Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR).

### **7. Optional additional statement (unlimited in length)**

- Please refer to points 1 and 2 outlining my motivations and skills/experience that I will bring to the position.

### **8. Contact details**

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\*May be different to those supplied on the nomination form