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RESPONSE:

I rode my racing bike from Palmerston, NT to the Casuarina ATSIC State Office and return every day for three years. For a while, Darwin seemed to have led the way in Australia with bike path developments in and around the city and suburbs. Two hours of solid exercise five times a week certainly kept me fitter than the average fiddle. I applaud Bicycle Network for promoting better bike infrastructure across Australian cities and getting more Australians active with your new programs.

To look at the safety issues which, as you indicate, are in urgent need of addressing I would seek a national approach to transport strategies and infrastructure development across the nation. There are far too many serious accidents involving cyclists travelling to and from work in Australia.

With cycling becoming an increasingly attractive option for many city and inner suburb dwellers in this country and with cycling becoming an important and growing sector of our transport networks, a national framework incorporating state and local government stakeholders, together with serious community consultation is needed as a matter of urgency.

I hope I can be of assistance to you and the Australian cycling community if I am fortunate enough to be elected to the House of Representatives in May 2019.

Kind regards

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