



STATE ELECTION: 2014

Bicycle Tasmania has sent questionnaires to all major party campaign headquarters to seek their statements on cycling policy and initiatives. The questions are aimed to better inform voters of candidate policies and ensure that active transport is on the agenda in the lead-up to the State Election. Here is what the major parties had to say:

Labor

Supports a law change for mandatory one-metre overtaking clearance of cyclists by motorists. Committed to a new Cycling Safety Steering Committee. Introduced the Vulnerable Road User Program, funded from the road safety levy. Funded Trails and Bikeways Program and a state Strategy. Upgraded Bonnet Hill and committed to upgrading West Tamar Highway. Committed to Cycling Roundtable and Bicycle Futures as key communications events.

Liberal

Unable to commit to increased financial support but recognise that bicycles are inexpensive and accessible transport mode. Recognise the need to invest in both on road and off road infrastructure that will connect existing infrastructure or major population or activity centres across the state. Committed to create a new, independent body Infrastructure Tasmania to coordinate all transport spending.

Greens

Concrete election promises around key links in bicycle infrastructure, including commuter/recreation paths in Northwest Coastal Pathway (Somerset to Wynyard), Battery Point shared path (Hobart), and recreation paths in Northeast Rail Trail (Launceston to Legerwood). Supported Bicycle Futures, Ride2Work and a range of public events while Nick McKim was Sustainable Transport Minister.

Bicycle Tasmania is calling on all parties to:

- Commit \$30million to implement the Principal Urban Cycling Network (PUCN).
- Adopt a recurrent funding program for active transport infrastructure.
- Implement key active transport infrastructure projects; including the Battery Point Walk and Cycle Way (South), North West Coastal Pathway and the North East Rail Trail.
- Incorporate provisions for bicycle users in all new infrastructure projects.
- Facilitate a strategic plan for bicycle tourism in Tasmania.

